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George Tenet to be graduation speaker



BY BARBARA KIVIAT
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George Tenet, Director of Central Intelligence, will give the keynote address at this year's Commencement on May 25, announced Senior Class President George Soterakis at last night's Student Council meeting. Tenet was sworn in as Director of

Central Intelligence in July 1997, following a unanimous vote by both the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and the full Senate. As Director of Central Intelligence, Tenet heads all United States foreign intelligence agencies and directs the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

The semester-long process of selecting a graduation speaker ended last week when the senior class officers received confirmation of Tenet's acceptance to speak.

"After reading some excerpts from some speeches that he gave, and passing those along to the officers, we decided that he was the person that we wanted to pursue," said Soterakis. "He talked about government service and the importance of giving back to your community and being proud of being American."

In a speech to the Hellenic Medical Society of New York last December, Tenet said, "I carry my parents' *CONTINUED ON PAGE A5*

Eleanor Smeal speaks at Hopkins

BY LIZ STEINBERG
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Eleanor Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority Foundation, came to Hopkins in order to help spark interest in student activism under the sponsorship of a broad array of campus social committees on Tuesday, February 15th. The speech was part of her "Beyond Boundaries: Feminists Worldwide Fighting the Backlash" symposium tour.

Smeal's speech, beginning with the history of her activist career and touching on various causes and cases of rights violations around the world, packed Gilman Hall's Donovan Room.

Smeal spoke for over an hour on the masking of the issue of monetary power behind more widely disputed topics such as birth control and affirmative action while calling for the student body to become more involved.

"We have been fighting... any form of progressive thought for twenty years," emphasized Smeal, reflecting on the relatively complacent outlook

of people in this era.

"Beyond Boundaries" came to Hopkins to inspire increased student activism in preparation for Women's History Month, which will be beginning in March, and the Feminist Expo 2000, a feminist exposition involving members of the worldwide feminist community to be held in Baltimore at the end of March.

Sophomore Dorit Radzin was responsible for inquiring about bringing Smeal to Hopkins. Following her internship at National Abortion and Reproduction Rights League, she volunteered to be their student coordinator at Hopkins. "[The organization] put so much effort into it—it came together very nicely," explained Radzin.

"It was a very inspiring speech," explained Hopkins Organization for Women (HOW) member Priya Shete, who is partly responsible for organizing the event. "[Smeal] provided history [to the feminist movement] that we don't really have at Hopkins."

Students organizing the event hope that the publicity will help to draw a larger percentage of the student body into the activist movement.

"[Most of the students] that are here are already kind of active," admitted Students for Choice President Leena Mittal. "People are a little scared to get involved in such a far-reaching movement."

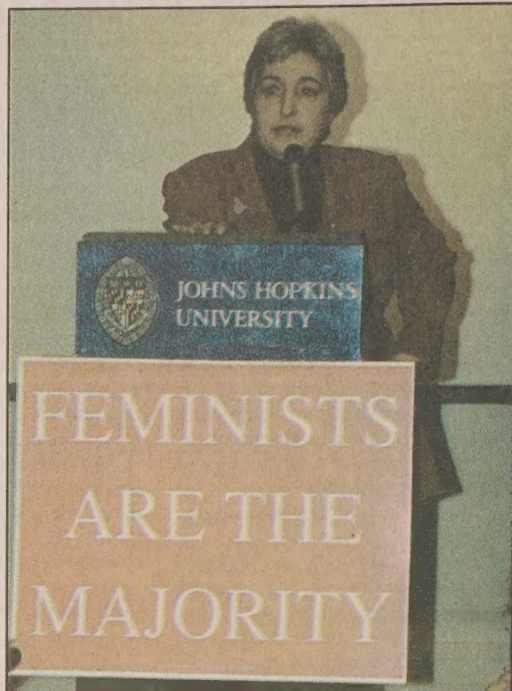
Aside from drawing students into the movement, Smeal supported the need for further development of the Women, Gender and Sexuality department at Hopkins.

Smeal began describing the earliest stages of her activism in the 1970s when she became involved with National Organization for Women and

the women's rights movement. She traced the struggle of the movement against various opposition groups up into the modern era, launching into an impassioned discourse. "Why is there a debate in the year 2000 about affirmative action? Why are we still debating this so many years after the civil war?" she asked the audience. She argued that the opposition movement was headed by monetary interests and paid minority lobbyists in the fight for government contracts. "When you look at where the dough is coming from, it all becomes very clear," she continued.

Smeal applied the affirmative action argument into the context of the Johns Hopkins community, where the issue of the scarcity in African and Female tenured professors frequently recurs as a topic of debate between students and administration alike.

Moving onto the issue of abortion, family planning and reproductive rights, Smeal continued to tie the issue into that of monetary control. "We will talk about abortion until you want to throw up but we



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Smeal gives an impassioned speech at Hopkins.

will not talk about money," emphasized Smeal. "As long as poor people cannot control their fertility, labor supply is high, and cost is down," she explained as a means of shedding light on the monetary interests behind anti-family planning lobbyists in the United States and abroad.

The presentation was sponsored by the Program for Studies of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, and co-sponsored by the Institute for Global Studies, Departments of Anthropology, Sociology, and English, HOW, Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance, and Students for Choice.

Deans look into hazing

BY BARBARA KIVIAT
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The Dean of Students Office is looking into the role athletic team hazing may have played in a February 1 incident involving the placement of inappropriate posters around campus.

The posters were hung in the early hours of the morning and displayed the name of a sorority with an offensive picture. An investigation into the incident is ongoing, according to Andrea Perry, Special Assistant to the Dean. Perry said that it is now clear that about a dozen people were involved, many of those affiliated with a non-varsity athletic team.

Perry said that although the students who placed the posters would probably receive no disciplinary action if they are willing to accept responsibility and apologize, the involvement of some freshman and members of an athletic team in the incident has sparked a further investigation into possible hazing practices at Hopkins.

"Whether or not this was hazing, it has presented the opportunity to address the issue of hazing with this and other groups," said Perry.

Hazing involving university athletic teams received national attention last month after the University of Vermont cancelled the rest of its men's ice hockey season in response to acts of hazing that involved coerced drinking and sexual degradation.

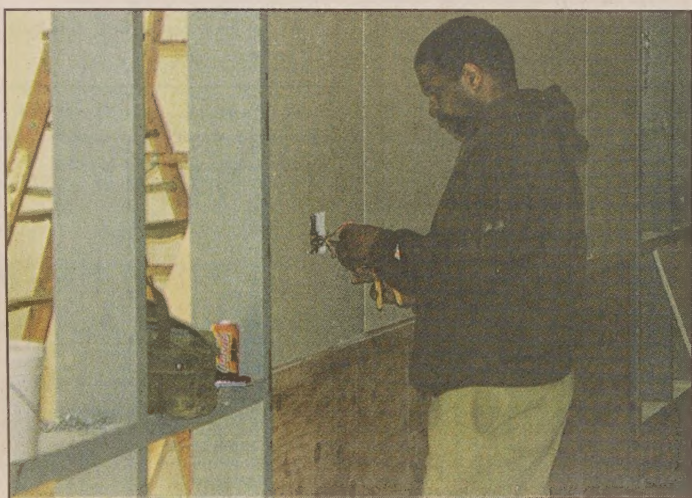
In a story that grabbed the nation's attention and appeared on the front page of USA Today, freshman Corey LaTulippe sued the university in federal court for not adequately intervening in a hazing party held last October.

"It is clear that this is an issue with athletic teams nationwide," said Perry. "We have to ask ourselves, Why should we be different?"

The Johns Hopkins University prohibits hazing, which is defined to be any action or situation which recklessly or intentionally endangers the mental or physical health or safety of a student or willfully destroys or removes public or private property for the purpose of affiliation, initiation, admission, or as a condition of continued membership in any organization recognized as a fraternity, sorority or student organization by Johns Hopkins University, on or off University, fraternity or sorority property.

Disciplinary action taken individuals implicated in acts of hazing range from a warning to expulsion from the university. Groups endorsing hazing practices may also undergo a range of disciplinary action, from informal educational intervention to suspension of the group.

"We are well aware of some of the *CONTINUED ON PAGE A5*



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Mergenthaler renovations have been underway for several months.

Homewood Research Admin. reorganized

BY BARBARA KIVIAT
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What was previously the Homewood Research Administration (HRA) has been restructured. The duties of the HRA included processing requests to outside agencies for funding research, contract negotiations, and maintaining legal and regulatory compliance.

The School of Arts and Sciences is starting its own research administration program, and the remainder of the defunct HRA—including the portions that serve the School of Engineering and School of Professional Studies in Business and Education—is now a part of the expanded University Research Projects Administration.

In addition to the remnants of the HRA, the University Research Projects Administration includes other functions directly tied to the Office of the Vice Provost for Research.

The incorporation of research administration directly into the School of Arts and Sciences has been under study for a few years, as the division of the university has grown large enough to support its own modified research administration operation, according to Associate Dean for Finance and Administration of the School of Arts and Sciences Kitty Lauer.

"Because of our size and the way we work, we thought we would work better with the faculty if we brought [research administration] in under a business umbrella," said Lauer, to whom the new Arts and Sciences research administration will report.

The new Arts and Sciences program will take on the proposal and award processing operations of the HRA, according to Cheryl Howard, Assistant Dean for Research Administration. Research administration deals mostly with faculty members, but also with some students.

Howard said that the reorga-

nization will only effect undergraduates in that students in the School of Arts and Sciences who formerly dealt with the HRA will now go through the new Arts and Sciences program.

Howard also said that the transition between the old and new research administration programs is not nearly complete. "We are expecting a very cooperative, long-term transition between the offices," said Howard.

Accompanying the reorganization is a remodeling of the second floor of Mergenthaler Hall, where three Arts and Sciences research administrators will relocate. The bulk of Arts and Sciences administration is already located on the second floor of Mergenthaler.

Although remodeling of the floor has been discussed for years, the reorganization prompted the remodeling to be done now, according to Lauer.

"It was pretty dark and dreary," said Melvin Widomski, project manager for Mergenthaler renovations. "What we've done now is open up that second-floor hallway."

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BY DAVE FISHMAN
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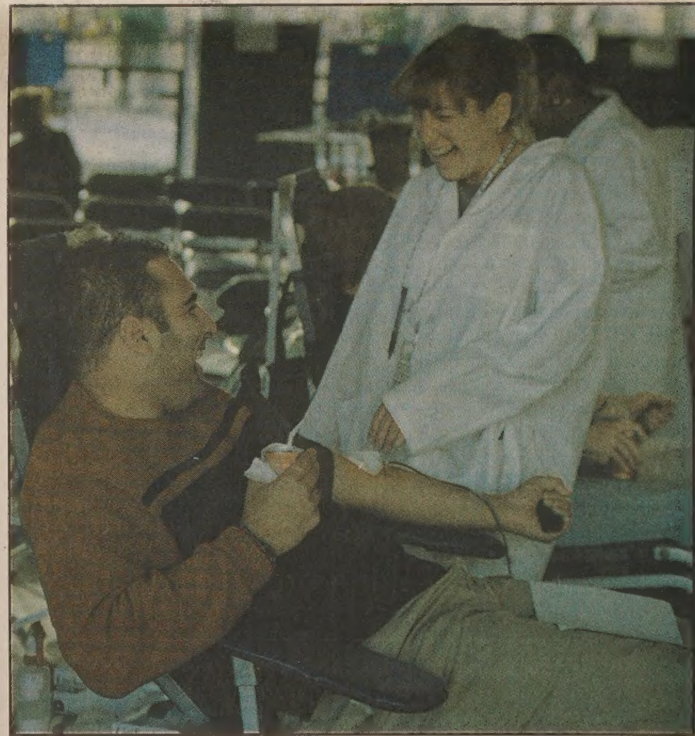
Despite taking place during this year's cold and flu season, JHU's Blood Drive last Wednesday and Thursday, February 9 and 10, was the most successful in the school's history.

"[Wednesday] was the number one collection day we've ever had at the Johns Hopkins Homewood campus... We collected 202 pints of blood," said Carol Kaufman, Account Manager of the Blood Drive, and a member of the American Red Cross. "We've been building this increase steadily with the help of Circle-K and with other groups on campus."

The pint count was surpassed again Thursday, when the Drive received in excess of 230 pints. The total drive collected the most pints ever in the history of Homewood campus. In a larger achievement, according to Kaufman, Homewood has the number one blood donation rate out of all of the college campuses in the Chesapeake and Potomac area.

Kaufman believes that the rise in donor turnout was caused primarily by better education. Each pint of donated blood saves three to five lives. The blood collected in this drive has the potential to save over two thousand lives. She also cited reasons such as better advertising and the high news coverage that blood donations received this winter.

"Due to the recent critical situations we've had because of storms



FILE PHOTO
Students came out in record numbers for this month's blood drive.

and blizzards, we lost close to two thousand units of blood in two days," she said.

Daria Bollinger, who coordinates the blood drives on campus, emphasized the importance of the volunteer effort to the continued success

of the drives. The students aiding the endeavor include Circle-K, fraternities, and RAs.

"We really couldn't do it without the help of all of our volunteers. It takes a lot of effort. It takes a lot of organization... We've really been stressing a lot of advertising. We've showered the campus with posters and pamphlets," she added.

Due to the strong advertising campaign, approximately 75 percent of donation appointments were scheduled prior to the start of this drive. Before Circle-K and the other student groups got involved, that rate was averaging only about five to ten percent. This increase has allowed the drives to become better and better organized.

On average, Circle-K provided three volunteers at a time for the blood drive, changing shifts every two hours. Last year, Circle-K received an award from the American Red Cross for their participation.

Stephen Turley, a junior and member of Circle-K, felt that the Blood Drive has been a rewarding experience for the volunteers.

"It's been really great," he explained. "I think it's great that everybody has come out and given blood, because I've heard that the blood levels have been so low."

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Woodrow Wilson Fellowship concludes its initial semester

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The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, a semester into its first year of implementation, is a program designed to provide Arts and Sciences undergraduates with the opportunity to explore their interests through research. Twenty freshmen and ten sophomores have been provided with up to \$10,000 in grant money to be used over four years.

The students meet once a month to talk about their progress and give each other guidance. In doing so, they are also able to team up with one another to more efficiently use their money.

The recipients of the grants have diverse interests. Research projects are being planned in a various number of fields, including social sciences and humanities. The projects are not simply limited to each student's declared major.

No problems have been discovered yet. However, Dean Steven David admits, "This summer will be the real test" when the students start really working." Right now the projects are

all still in the planning stages.

"It's a learning process for us. I'm sure there will be bumps on the road, but that can be good. It teaches people that research isn't a picnic. The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship is designed to show the problems in doing

"The Woodrow Wilson Fellowship is designed to show the problems in doing research in addition to the joys and successes."

—DEAN STEVEN DAVID

research in addition to the joys and successes," said David.

He feels the program is "good all around. It builds on Hopkins culture, on Hopkins strength. We're not trying to be something we're not. JHU

is a research facility. The program builds on that culture. It's doing what we do best. It's helping recruit top quality students. The students involved are enthusiastic."

Ruth Aslan, a freshman, one of the grant recipients, explained "It's a very free opportunity. There are no time restraints. There's no pressure. But, nobody's slacking off. It allows a lot of room for improvisation."

There are many other opportunities for undergraduates to do research at Johns Hopkins, such as the Provost Award and department funding. "We hope it [the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship] will galvanize others to do research," David said.

"The fellowship basically provides an opportunity to fund projects that you wouldn't be able to do otherwise. Giving undergraduates grants is very unique," explained recipient Dan Redman. "They're paying for me to go to the Ukraine this summer, which is awesome." Redman is going to research what happened to the Jewish community, and more specifically, his own family, in Novograd-Volynsky during the Holocaust.

Black History Month continues

BY MEERA NAIR
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Black History Month at Johns Hopkins has been underway for two weeks, and many more events are planned for the month of February as both a celebration of and a lesson about African American identity. Organized by Black History Month Co-chairs Marsha Peart and Shermian Daniel, the planning process has been in the works since the summer of 1999, following the research proposal submitted at the end of the 1998-99 school year.

Dr. Ralph Johnson, faculty advisor for Black History Month for five years and the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (OMSA), believes the work paid off. "I know that from the moment [the chairs] were selected up until now, they have worked very hard to try to make this a tremendous program. They are doing a good job in holding this thing together" explained Johnson.

Peart and Daniel shared a common vision in the planning of this year's events. "Both Shermian and I envisioned a Black History Month where, instead of focusing on one aspect of African American culture, we could explore and embrace all aspects," explained Peart. "We do have



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 These drummers participated in OMSA's Black History Month events.

a deep culture and people tend to forget that. We want to give the Hopkins Community an overview of how intriguing and complete African American culture is."

The two co-chairs put together an eclectic mix of events to appeal to a wide sector of the student body, and to this point, have met only success.

Events have included a trip to an African Burial Ground display featuring the remains of African slaves, at Howard University

"These were first generation African Americans, and it was amazing to learn the lives of these people. They were taken from their homes, but they still held true to their culture as much as they could," explained JHU Gospel Choir member freshman Josephine Kweku.

Attendance has remained high following the opening ceremony. "Everything has been well-attended, and I'm told that this year has been the most successful in a long time. Since our opening ceremonies on the fourth of February, we've had a lot of support, from both in and outside the Johns Hopkins Community," elaborated Peart. In past years, student involvement had begun to die down following the initial excitement.

There are great hopes for the continuing expansion of Black History Month in future years. "It is my hope

that we will continue to draw very talented young people as co-chairs of the month and we will begin even earlier in the summer planning programs and engage the entire Hopkins Community in Black History Month," explained Johnson.

"Black History Month is not simply for black people. It's for the entire community to come out and to learn about the contribution that African people have made to civilization. I would like to see more students and faculty from all ethnic backgrounds and all walks of life be a part of this experience."

"I suppose my biggest hope for Black History Month is that people won't just remember it as a time filled with events ... that they will be touched by something they see, or hear, and it leaves them a little wiser," reflected Peart. "Organizing this month was really important to me, and while I wanted things to be fun, I felt there should be a proper balance between entertainment and information."

"I think that it is important for us to recognize that we still need Black History Month. There are people who argue that these programs are not needed and that they somehow promote a racist ideology. I want to challenge that," explained Johnson.

Many more events are scheduled for the remainder of the month.

Power down in Charles Village

At 4:38 p.m. on Wednesday night, Wolman, McCoy, Ivy Hall and the Homewood Garage were plunged into darkness. The power outage spread for several blocks in the Charles Village area and caused heavy traffic along N. Charles St. at an already busy time of the day.

Hopkins Security revealed that the source of the problem was unknown, but it is believed to have something to do with underground wiring. Maintenance crews were able to work around the alleged problem and return power by 6:16 p.m.

Wolman and Ivy Hall were completely without power, while McCoy only suffered partial outages. One of the problems was that the alarms on

the front doors of these buildings go off when power is down. Security officers were stationed outside these buildings to keep the doors closed as much as possible.

Wolman Station was closed down during the busy dinner-time hours as well. Students were directed to Terrace Court Cafe. This resulted in many more students and longer lines than usual.

Commerce secretary speaks at SAIS

William Daley, US Commerce secretary, spoke at the JHU Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies last Friday morning in the Kenney Auditorium. His lecture topic was "Trade in the 21st Century: Latin America and Beyond."

After the speech, Daley was off to

lead a major trade delegation of US business executives on a trip to Latin America. His stops include Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile.

Daley has been Commerce secretary since January, 1997. He oversees the federal agency that promotes American businesses, develops a wide array of economic statistics, conducts the census, issues patents and trademarks, sets industrial standards, conducts oceanic research and forecasts the weather. Daley's three priorities in Commerce have been trade, electronic commerce and efficient management of the department.

Daley is tentatively scheduled to speak at Homewood for the Foreign Affairs Symposium later this semester.

SAIS hosts President of Azerbaijan

President of Azerbaijan, Heydar Aliyev, gave a lecture entitled, "Azerbaijan: Perils and Prospects" last Monday afternoon at SAIS in the Kenney Auditorium.

Aliyev's main priority since his election on October 3, 1993, was to secure the republic's independence and restore its stability. Some of his previous positions have included

deputy chairman and chairman of the Supreme Soviet (parliament) of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Prior to giving up his Communist party membership in 1990, Aliyev held numerous positions in the old Soviet system of government. From 1982 to 1986, he was a full member of the Politburo and first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers.

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To obtain an application form, or for additional information, contact Ms. Morgan at (410) 516-4697 or jmorgan@exchange.admin.jhu.edu.

UPCOMING EVENTS DURING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

- A **Step Show**, which is a dance performance of synchronized routines, will be in Shriver at 7 p.m. for February 18.
- On the 19th, **Sankofa**, a dance troupe that performs annually at Hopkins, will be performing and celebrating their tenth year with African type dancing. Of the dance troupe, Dr. Johnson remarks, "They're always wonderful, they're vibrant, they're educational... I think people will really enjoy that."
- The annual **Martin Luther King Convention**, on the 22nd, features **Myrlie Evers-Williams** as a guest lecturer. Mrs. Evers-Williams is the widow of Medgar Evers, a civil rights activist, and she has continued her husband's work through publications and political activism. She will be speaking about her perspective of Dr. Martin Luther King's mission and life. This will be occurring at the Inter-Faith Center at 7:00 p.m..
- There is also great excitement about the **Annual African Heritage Dinner**, which is on the 26th in the Glass Pavilion of Levering Hall. Says Ms. Peart, "We decided that this year we wanted a theme for the dinner, and settled on the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s. There will be Big Band music, with Jazz and the Blues, along with singing, dancing and poetry. This has sparked a lot of interest, and we are expecting about 250 people in attendance."
- Another event, the **Gospel Fest**, will be on the 27th in the IFC. This show will feature Johns Hopkins' own Gospel Choir along with song and dance groups from out of state. Says Ms. Kweku, "We've been learning new songs and will be performing old songs too... it's going to be a lot of fun."

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Swarthmore teams cancel S.C. trips to support NAACP boycott

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SWARTHMORE, Pa. — Joining in the NAACP boycott of South Carolina, Swarthmore College has decided to withdraw the spring break plans of six sports teams to train there. The affected teams — women's lacrosse, softball and tennis, as well as men's golf and men's and women's track and field — were scheduled to practice in Myrtle Beach and Hilton Head but are now arranging to travel elsewhere.

The decision, made Tuesday afternoon, follows similar actions by Bryn Mawr and Haverford as well as Temple University, which are all supporting an NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People) boycott of South Carolina because of the Confederate flag that flies over the state Capitol.

"The Swarthmore College administration, affirming the value this institution places on a humane and just society, has decided that our spring athletic teams will support the NAACP boycott of South Carolina over the issue of the continued display of the Confederate flag," President Al Bloom said in a statement Tuesday afternoon. Bloom was not on campus to comment Wednesday.

The NAACP launched what it is calling "economic sanctions" against the state on Jan. 1, asking people and groups with travel plans to South Carolina to cancel them until the flag is removed from the state capital.

Day-after pill for 12-year-old girls?

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ATHENS, Ohio — Some children visit the school nurse to relieve their headache or stomachache.

But in France, girls as young as 12 can visit the school nurse to obtain Norvelo, an emergency contraceptive that must be used within 72 hours of sexual intercourse.

Although in the last month this has become an accepted practice for the French, school officials in Athens do not think this policy will be imported to the United States.

"I don't foresee having to deal with this here," said Janalee Stock, Athens City school nurse.

France is the first country to supply emergency contraceptives to students in junior high and high schools. This follows a June '99 decision by the French government that made emergency contraceptives available over-the-counter.

Director of Education for Planned Parenthood of Southeast Ohio Valerie Roth said risks are involved with taking emergency contraception without a medical exam.

"First you have to make sure that you are able to take emergency contraception without a medical risk," Roth said. "It can be dangerous for people who have blood clots or who smoke."

In addition to placing women at risk, this decision does not require parental consent, an issue that bothers some local education officials.

"One thought that occurs to me is that there is a balance between a students confidentially and safety," Stock said. "If they are doing something that is jeopardizing their health, then I have to inform a parent."

Assuming parents are the first educators of sexuality is best, Roth said. Schools are a place for education, not treatment.

French health and education officials hope the availability of the new contraceptive will stop unwanted pregnancies. They also hope it will decrease the country's abortion rate, which is the highest in the European Union, *The New York Times* reported in a Feb. 8 article.

Stock said pregnancy is not the only risk that comes with unprotected sex. Sexually transmitted diseases also should be considered.

"There are way too many young people that think because they're on birth control it is safe to have sex without a condom," she said.

Dean of Students for Alexander High School Kelly Rhine said he thinks dispensing contraceptives is not an issue the school should handle.

tol, where it has been flying since 1962.

TIGHT TIMING

But the college's decision has the coaches who had training plans for South Carolina scrambling to make new arrangements. With the exception of the men's golf team, all had tentative plans by Wednesday afternoon.

Those plans will not be firm, however, until the teams can arrange matches in their new locations. The NCAA (National Collegiate Athletic Association) requires that training trips include at least one competition, but trying to find a willing school this late in the academic year is much more difficult.

Although the coaches have arranged for new trips and are sure they will be able to schedule competitions as well, it has come at the expense of backing out of previous arrangements with spring break trip operators as well as other schools.

ADDITIONAL COST

Because sports schedules are usually arranged so far in advance — usually in September or October for the spring — Athletic Director Bob Williams noted that the uncertainty of not having competitions completely arranged yet is awkward.

But another problem with the change is financial.

"We have quite a financial commitment in deposits and registration fees," he said.

That is college money, Williams said, and students, who usually have to pay \$100 or \$125 of their own money plus providing their own meals on such a trip, do not stand to lose down payments on canceled plans.

But many of the teams, who were planning to drive to South Carolina, will now have to fly. The airplane tickets are both more expensive and harder to come by now. Add to that the relative cost of flying compared to driving in the first place, and the trips may be significantly more expensive than originally planned.

"I know that we'll get some support from the college," said Williams. "How much, I'm not sure at this point."

MAKING THE DECISION

The Philadelphia-area participa-

UCLA professor will take position in Chile

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LOS ANGELES — Between teaching classes on the global economy and holding office hours, Visiting Professor Jose De Gregorio from The Anderson School at UCLA is trying to plan the economic future for 15 million Chileans.

Chile's newly-elected President Ricardo Lagos appointed De Gregorio, a professor of global economics, the head of the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Mining. Along with the president and the minister of finance, De Gregorio will hold one of the top three government posts in that country.

"Honestly, I can say that three months ago I was not thinking about taking this position, but when the President called, I said 'yes' immediately," De Gregorio said.

President-elect Lagos created this tri-ministerial position to combine three former posts. As the chief executive in charge of the economy, energy and mining in Chile, De Gregorio will face what he called a major challenge.

Since earning a doctorate in economics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1990, De Gregorio has divided his time between academics and politics. From 1994 to 1997, De Gregorio served as the Director of Economic Policy at the Chilean Finance Ministry. Before that, he was a visiting scholar at the World Bank and a researcher for the International Monetary Fund.

Along with his visiting professorship at UCLA, De Gregorio is an associate professor at the University of Chile.

"Professor De Gregorio represents a great example of the blending of a wonderful research faculty with individuals who come from government and the private sector as practitioners," said Anderson School Dean Bruce Willison.

Among De Gregorio's duties will be the regulation and administration of the Chilean mining industry, which accounts for 40 percent of the country's exports.

tion in the boycott began at Haverford College, where Athletic Director Greg Kannerstein said women's tennis coach Ann Koger initiated Haverford's eventual reaction.

"Ann Koger came to see me about the time of the big demonstration in South Carolina," Kannerstein said, referring to the protest on January 17 when 46,000 marched to the state's Capitol and demanded the flag be removed. "She came to me and said she was feeling uncomfortable about sending the team."

Bryn Mawr College's tennis and lacrosse team's soon followed suit, as did the men's tennis team at Temple University. Swarthmore administrators heard about the boycott on Friday, and Eldridge said the senior staff began discussing the issue. The decision Swarthmore made days later would affect six teams, while at the other schools it inconvenienced a maximum of two.

At the senior staff meeting Tuesday afternoon, Eldridge said, administrators decided to release the statement announcing Swarthmore's intention to join the boycott.

Williams, who was notified before that meeting ended, said he immediately confirmed the decision with the affected coaches, who had known before that the move was possible.

SUPPORTIVE REACTIONS

The coaches and players said they supported the eventual decision, however.

"We do understand why they're doing this," said one of DeSoucey's fellow tennis co-captains, Jen Pao.

Tim Sams, assistant dean and director of the Black Cultural Center, responded favorably when informed of the decision.

"I like it," he said. "I think it also teaches students the importance of standing for something."

Sams said the decision was consistent with Swarthmore's values.

"This is consistent with what we say around here," he said.

Despite the hassle of rearranging the trips, the decision touched on an important issue, Sears said. "I haven't heard anybody say, 'I think it's fine for them to be flying the Confederate flag.'"

While a decade ago, the Chilean economy was booming, De Gregorio said that the 1998 Asian economic crisis hit Chile hard. He said he would like to achieve the high growth and low unemployment that characterized the Chilean economy during the mid-'90s.

"The economy is recovering relatively well, but there is still about 8 percent unemployment, which is abnormal for Chile," De Gregorio said.

"Now our main challenge is to set the stage for the economy to keep growing. We need to do a lot of reforming and organizing of our economic institutions."

Economic issues, however, are not De Gregorio's only concern. He said that improving the Chilean health and education systems is a top priority.

"A key issue is investing in people; we have the tools to make Chile a country with economic equality and to generate real opportunity for all," he said.

On Thursday, De Gregorio and Chile's Ambassador to the United States, Mario Artaza, spoke at The Anderson School about the future of the Chilean economy and its political institutions.

Professor Sebastian Edwards, who moderated the event, said that De Gregorio has the potential to help cure many of the economic ills that Chile currently faces.

"I am confident that he will do a fantastic job," Edwards said.

When De Gregorio begins his term, he said he will attempt to improve Chile's economic situation by fostering competition domestically while increasing Chile's openness to the international community.

"I am fully convinced that we have to do more than what we've been doing but with less resources, and I think we can do it," De Gregorio said.

President Lagos and his cabinet, including De Gregorio, will officially assume power on March 11 at an inauguration ceremony in Santiago. De Gregorio will then return to UCLA after the inauguration to finish instruction of his winter quarter classes.

Council squabbles over Wiard

BY CHARLES DONEFER
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

With only one item of new business, the Student Council still managed to stir up a controversy during a very short meeting last Wednesday.

The meeting began with Executive President Zack Pack's announcement of the results of an internet survey regarding new meal plan options.

Out of over 300 votes cast in total, 74 percent of respondents chose a "block" meal plan, in which students are given a set number of meals at the beginning of the semester to use at any time.

The remaining 26 percent voted for the "constant pass plan," which allows for unlimited meals.

Class of 2000 President George Soterakis announced that this year's Commencement keynote speaker will be Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet. Soterakis said, "we're excited for it."

Later on, Pack said, "George Soterakis and the Class of 2000 deserve a great deal of credit. Director Tenet is an outstanding speaker."

The only new order of business was the approval of Kara Wiard as HSA co-chair.

The debate lasted longer than usual.

Wiard received support from most of the Council, but several members of the Class of 2001 did not favor her taking over the position. Opponents questioned Wiard's experience with HSA as well as her commitments as an RA and an Alumni Liaison.

In response to questions about her time commitments, Class of 2000 Vice-President Omar Nour said, "She was a [Vice President] on Council, which is 20 times more work than that Liaison thing."

Supporters of Wiard's nomination stressed that her style contrasted nicely with current chair Stephen Goutman.

Class of 2001 President Harish Manyam disagreed, saying to Goutman, "You're not going to get a lot done ... you're both stubborn people in a way."

A roll call vote was requested, and the nomination was approved 15 to 7 with two abstentions.

As Wiard entered the room, the majority of the Council clapped, except for Manyam and Haroon

Chaudry, who sat back, arms folded.

The last item for the night was Diverse Sexuality and Gender Alliance's presentation of a funding request.

DSAGA requested \$1,500 to fund their annual Queer Awareness Days.

This year's keynote speaker will be Dana Rivers, who accepted Teacher of the Year award as a woman, although she was born as a man. After her sex change, she was fired from her job and has since been featured in *People* magazine and on *The Oprah Winfrey Show*.

STUDENT COUNCIL ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 16, 2000			
Executive Officers			
President Zack Pack	243-2625	Present	
VP Institutional Relations Saketh Rahm	516-2650	Present	
VP Administration Eva Chen	235-2143	Present	
Secretary Emily Petersen	516-3596	Present	
Treasurer Andy Pergam	662-8949	Present	
Class of 2000			
President George Soterakis	243-8696	Present	
Vice President Omar Nour	662-1806	Present	
Secretary/Treasurer Candice Walsh	516-2596	Present	
Representative Borchien Lai	516-5002	Present	
Representative Eugene Suk		Present	
Representative Joe Yoon	516-2260	Present	
Class of 2001			
President Harish Manyam	467-8876	Present	
Vice President Greg Wu	516-2480	Present	
Secretary/Treasurer Ramesh Singa	235-8740	Present	
Representative Haroon Chaudhry	467-3775	Present	
Representative Janet Lee	366-3249	Present	
Representative Tim Pitrelli		Present	
Class of 2002			
President Jenny Chiang	516-3647	Present	
Vice President Anuj Mittal	516-3701	ABSENT	
Secretary/Treasurer Nrupen Bhavsar	516-3664	Present	
Representative Stephen Goutman	516-3036	Present	
Representative Shanu Kohli		Present	
Representative Priya Sarin	516-3710	Present	
Class of 2003			
President Safe Facadu	516-5765	Present	
Vice President Andy Gettens	516-5759	Present	
Secretary/Treasurer Lili Daniali	516-5898	ABSENT	
Representative Tania Balci	516-5895	ABSENT	
Representative Yotam Goren	516-5806	Present	
Representative Priti Dalal	516-5740	Present	

Campus crime report, Feb. 1 — 10

February 1	• 9:46 a.m. — 3500 Blk. Roland Ave. Suspect arrested for stealing victims purse.	• 2:50 a.m. — 2700 Blk. Greenmount Ave. 4th degree burglary.
• 4:00 p.m. — 4500 Blk. York Rd. Unknown person stole \$50 from victim.	• 10:40 a.m. — 2900 Blk. Greenmount Ave. 1 male attempted to take property from store.	• 9:50 p.m. — 700 Blk. W. 40th St. Victims 1995 Gray Chevy was taken.
February 3	• 5:45 p.m. — 2700 Blk. Guilford Ave. 15 bottles of liquor taken from residence.	February 9
• 10:00 p.m. — 2800 Blk. N. Charles St. 1993 Green convertible Chrysler stolen.	• 6:40 p.m. — 3700 Blk. Falls Rd. 1 adult arrested for shoplifting.	• 12:19 a.m. — 3100 Blk. St. Paul St. Suspect arrested for larceny from automobile.
February 4	February 6	• 8:05 a.m. — 3100 Blk. St. Paul St. Known suspect entered business and removed property.
• 8:48 a.m. — 3600 Blk. Falls Rd. Suspect arrested for burglarizing a treatment center.	• 12:50 a.m. — 200 Blk. W. 27th St. Suspect arrested for theft of cab fare.	• 4:00 p.m. — 700 Blk. W. 40th St. 30-35 year old male shoplifted 20 packs of cigarettes.
• 10:30 a.m. — 4300 Blk. York Rd. Unknown suspect took snow plow worth \$2028 from front of truck.	• 4:30 p.m. — 400 Blk. E. 33rd St. Suspect arrested for shoplifting.	• 4:45 p.m. — 3200 Blk. Guilford Ave. Suspect entered residence. Nothing was taken.
• 1:55 p.m. — 2900 Blk. N. Calvert St. Unknown suspect forced entry and removed property. The property was recovered in the rear of the victims apartment building.	• 8:19 p.m. — 1000 Blk. W. 41st St. 1 adult arrested for shoplifting.	• 5:30 p.m. — 200 Blk. E. University Pkwy. 1 adult arrested for not paying cab fare.
• 5:30 p.m. — 2400 Blk. N. Charles St. 1 adult arrested for shoplifting.	February 7	• 10:00 p.m. — 400 Blk. Whitridge Ave. 11 or more teenagers attacked victim with bottles.
• 5:41 p.m. — 3100 Blk. Wyman Park Dr. Motorola cellphone worth \$100 stolen from office building.	• 1:00 p.m. — 2800 Blk. Miles Ave. Unknown suspect entered residence and stole various items totaling \$415.	February 10
• 10:50 p.m. — 4400 Blk. York Rd. Victim robbed of \$3.	• 1:30 p.m. — 2800 Blk. Greenmount Ave. Suspect stole property from restaurant.	• 4:30 p.m. — 3200 Blk. Guilford Ave. Unknown suspect forced entry to apartment and removed property.
February 5	February 8	• 5:15 p.m. — 3200 Blk. N. Charles St. Unknown suspect took victims 1997 Honda, FL tag #VCK994.
• 8:00 a.m. — 2600 Blk. Maryland Ave. Suspect took \$3,788 in property from victim's apartment.	• 12:35 a.m. — 3200 Blk. Greenmount Ave. 2 males took a bottle of alcohol from a tavern.	• 9:50 p.m. — 3500 Blk. Greenmount Ave. 2 men robbed victim at gun point.

Bomb threat closes Kishwaukee

UNIVERSITY WIRE

DEKALB, Ill. — When Connie Rivera received a call at 9:52 a.m. telling her "there's a bomb in the building" at Kishwaukee College, she knew exactly what to do.

The long-time switch board operator knew as soon as she heard the male voice utter the phrase all school administrators fear, she was the first in a chain-reaction procedure the college uses when it receives a bomb scare. She ran from the office in a panic to notify the administration that they needed to activate safety procedures.

The school has experienced bomb threats since the early 1990s, so both Rivera and Kishwaukee College President Norm Jenkins knew what to do in order to evacuate the school and contact police. The school was closed and checked from about 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. when the police search ended.

"I was a little frightened at the time," Rivera said. "To my knowledge, we haven't had [a bomb threat] in some years."

The DeKalb Police Department is contracted as security at Kishwaukee College, so as soon as the threat came

through the switch board, a sheriff was on-hand to investigate the situation. Sheriff Roger Scott, of the DeKalb County Sheriff's Office, said there are no definite leads on the suspect at this time, but the investigation is ongoing. When the suspect is caught, the college plans to reprimand the culprit.

"We will prosecute to the full extent of the law," Jenkins said, citing the perpetrator of Kishwaukee's first post-Columbine bomb threat.

While the police may have been instrumental in sweeping the campus for an alleged bomb, they had nothing to do with the actual evacuation. Kishwaukee administrators handled the evacuation, Scott said. The police and college staff worked together to preserve the safety of all who were inside the school at the time of the threat.

DeKalb police called Kane County's police unit, who brought in canine dogs specially trained in sniffing out explosive devices. After the dogs had swept through the building, the college re-opened and resumed classes at 4 p.m.

"The combined efforts of the dogs, staff at the college and the police en-

sured a thorough search of the building," Scott said.

Students at the college feel the situation was handled well by the administration and are pleased with the bomb-threat procedure.

"I think it's ridiculous that we had a bomb threat in the first place, but the administration handled the situation well," said Jessi Vines, a freshman sociology major at Kishwaukee College.

NIU Ombudsman Tim Griffin said if a similar situation was to occur at NIU, it would not be taken lightly.

"Each threat is assessed individually in terms of its potential for harm," Griffin said. "NIU is prepared as an institution to act and respond promptly to such threats that ensure the health and safety of our community."

If NIU ever received a threat such as the one Kishwaukee College received Monday, each university building has certain procedures the students, faculty and staff must follow. NIU not only takes the possibility of explosive devices seriously, but also considers other environmentally-dangerous materials when searching for such potential dangers.

Student Council picks speaker for commencement of Senior class

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values and my ethnic heritage with me every day when I walk in the doors of the Central Intelligence Agency. There, as you would imagine, I work with enormously talented and courageous men who risk their lives everyday to keep America safe. But what I've learned about courage and what I've learned about commitment, I learned a long time ago before I came to the CIA. I had only to look at my parents...."

"We wanted a high profile speaker, but we wanted an intellectual high profile speaker who could give a good speech," said Senior Class Vice President Omar Nour, explaining the choice. "The head of the CIA at Hopkins. I can't wait. I hope it's a nice day and

everything goes fantastic."

Earlier this month, Tenet's name appeared in newspaper headlines in conjunction with an investigation of a possible security breach involving former Director of Central Intelligence John Deutch. Tenet came under criticism for taking too long to notify the Justice Department or Congressional Intelligence Oversight committees of the case, according to an internal report by the CIA's Inspector General.

Tenet agreed that the CIA was slow in notifying appropriate officials and lawmakers, but said that the investigation was not deliberately delayed.

The senior class officers said that the current negative press surrounding the CIA will not effect Tenet's role as Commencement speaker.

"Our graduation is separate than that, and that won't effect his appearance on campus," said senior class secretary-treasurer Candice Walsh. "Those are two different issues."

Before Tenet became Director of Central Intelligence, he was both the Acting Director (1996-1997), and the Deputy Director (1995-1996).

Prior to his time at Central Intelligence, Tenet served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Direc-

tor for Intelligence Programs at the National Security Council (NSC). At the NSC, he coordinated certain presidential decision directives, and he was responsible for coordinating all inter-agency activities concerning covert action.

Before serving at the National Security Council, he served on President Clinton's national security transition team, where he coordinated the evaluation of the U.S. Intelligence Community.

Tenet also served as Staff Director of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence for over four years. Prior to his appointment as Staff Director, Tenet directed the committee's oversight of all arms control negotiations between the Soviet Union and the United States.

Prior to his work with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Tenet worked for three years on the staff of Senator John Heinz as both a legislative assistant covering national security and energy issues and as legislative director.

Tenet holds a B.S.F.S. from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and an M.I.A. from the School of International Affairs at Columbia University.

Hazing examined

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recent national cases of hazing," said Tom Calder, Director of Athletics and Recreation. "We tell our athletes at the beginning of the year that they are not to be involved in hazing, and if they are, then we have a problem."

Calder said that in his five years as Director of Athletics and Recreation he has never received a student complaint about hazing.

Perry said that a fundamental problem with preventing hazing is that it is often not identified as such by the very people hazing and being hazed. "What's tough is that hazing often isn't perceived as hazing by the people doing it," said Perry. "What is perceived as hazing in the light of day is seen as fun at 2 a.m."

Although the Dean of Students Office has not yet officially formed a committee to investigate athletic hazing, Perry said after the current investigation into the poster incident is complete, the Office plans to work with student teams and clubs to iterate the illegality of hazing and to stress alternative ways of bonding and developing group spirit.

"Change seems to happen incrementally unless there is an incident that prompts scrutiny," said Perry.

Remodeling follows changes

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Getting rid of what Lauer calls a "boxcar" look, the renovations are adding glass-walled fronts to the offices along either side of the second-floor hallway.

The renovations are also reorganizing space in order to create offices for the three research administrators, as well as for the Associate Dean of Development, and an administrative assistant.

"We are trying to put positions that work with the dean's office in the same locality," says Lauer, who explained that such proximity enhances communication.

The construction in Mergenthaler started in November and should be complete by mid-March, according to Widomski.

Studies show violence among same-sex couples goes unnoticed

UNIVERSITY WIRE

LOS ANGELES — According to the American Bar Association Commission on Domestic Violence, the occurrence of domestic violence among gay and lesbian couples is around 25 to 33 percent, crossing the lines of age, race and socioeconomic status. This percentage is the same rate of prevalence found in heterosexual relationships.

Meanwhile, UCPD officials said that there were three reported incidences of domestic violence in 1999, although these incidents were not specified as same gender.

While awareness around heterosexual domestic violence has increased greatly in the last decade, the issue of same gender domestic violence remains virtually unheard of.

"Domestic violence is an issue that was certainly hidden in the heterosexual community until about five years ago," said Susan Holt, program manager for Family Violence Services.

According to Holt, because the heterosexual domestic violence awareness movement has been going on for 30 years, same gender violence awareness is about 25 years behind.

Counselors have coined the term "violence wheel" in order to help people identify abusive relationships.

Domestic violence in all intimate relationships centers on power and control, regardless of whether it is a heterosexual or homosexual relationship.

Around this center lie the agents of abuse which include physical, psychological, emotional, sexual and economic abuse as well as property destruction, according to the Peace at Home Human Rights Agency.

Gay and lesbian relationships can include more spokes to this wheel, which can involve the threat of "outing" their partner to the community, telling their partner that they won't

be believed because they are gay or manipulating their partner into believing that an argument between two members of the same sex isn't abuse, but an equal fight.

"It's an overlooked problem because people have a natural bias," said Nancy Greenstein, director of the UCPD's community services division. "In the case of two men, people don't believe that a man has a particular vulnerability."

Definitions of masculinity and femininity also contribute to the problem of under-reporting, according to Jessica Aronoff, program director of Break the Cycle.

"When we think of domestic violence, we think of women being abused by men. Police are accustomed to the stereotype of male abusers and female victims, and they don't always know the primary aggressor," Aronoff said.

This can make reporting abuse difficult for survivors.

"What you hear about is men battering women," Holt said. "So it can be difficult if you're gay and lesbian because then you think that it doesn't apply to me, it only applies to heterosexual women."

Yet, according to the ABA Commission on Domestic Violence, around 50,000 to 100,000 lesbians and around 500,000 gay men are battered a year.

"In the heterosexual community, 95 percent of battering is men on women," she continued. "But, in the LGBT community, it's about 49 percent women-on-women and 51 percent men-on-men, so it's about equal between the genders."

Furthermore, the idea of domestic and dating violence among gays and lesbians plays into anti-gay sentiments according to Dawn M. Bond, a UCLA staff member.

"Part of the difficulty of working with battered gay and lesbians is that there is so much stigma already about gay people," Bond said. "They don't

UCLA computers used by hackers

UNIVERSITY WIRE

LOS ANGELES — Electronic attacks on some of the Internet's most high-profile sites went through UCLA, according to university officials.

UCLA computers are suspected to have been remotely hacked into and then used in at least one attack, most likely the one that made Amazon.com Inc.'s Web site inaccessible to customers for more than an hour last Tuesday. According to a statement issued by the university, campus experts are "confident that the hackers are not based on campus."

The attack was one of several perpetrated against such companies as Yahoo!, eBay, BUY.COM, ZDNet, E*TRADE and Datek early last week and comes on the heels of reports that UC Santa Barbara and Stanford computers were used in a similar attack on CNN's Web site.

Ramiro Escudero, a spokesman for the FBI's Los Angeles field office, described the use of network computers like those at universities as "trampoline attacks" in which they are used as a platform to launch assaults.

According to reports late last week, the sites were the apparent victims of denial-of-service attacks in which

hacked computers are directed to send a coordinated attack against a victim, overloading them with information and blocking access to legitimate users.

Part of an ongoing problem, denial of service attacks were the subject of FBI alerts as early as December.

"At this time we are not aware of the motives behind these attacks but they appear to be intended to interfere with and to disrupt legitimate electronic commerce," U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said at a press conference last Wednesday.

Despite the fact that the sites are not internally compromised in such attacks, the perpetrators are in apparent violation of recently enacted legislation.

"There was a law passed late last year which addresses someone interfering either a company's Web site or computers so they can't serve their customers," Escudero said. "And other federal laws could apply."

Escudero could not make any comments specific to any of the attacks due to the ongoing investigation except that the universities are cooperating with the investigation.

Although programs to create such denial-of-service attacks are easily used and obtained on the Internet, the ways in which the sites were attacked seem to indicate more sophistication.

E-mail from Yahoo! engineers reported by the Associated Press Saturday said that the attackers "knew about (Yahoo!'s) topology and planned the large-scale attack in advance." In addition, the perpetrators knew where to attack other sites "where it hurts the most."

The attackers are believed to have used a desktop computer at UCSB to assault CNN, and an Internet router at Stanford to launch an amplified

attack on eBay. Like UCLA, university officials at both schools have said that the universities are not the original source of the attacks.

At 1:30 p.m. on the day of the Amazon.com attack, UCLA was hit with a large denial-of-service attack of its own shortly before becoming the source of the outgoing one.

A network message posted on the Communications Technology Services Web site described the outgoing attack as "directed at some of the Internet portals."

UCLA's network was also attacked on Jan. 20 creating a denial-of-service situation for the entire campus for two hours.

A network message from CTS following the Jan. 20 incident summed up the problem denial-of-service attacks pose to some would-be victims.

"The unfortunate truth is that there is no technology we can employ to prevent this type of inbound attack," said a network message the following day. "Filtering the attack at the edge of our network will not prevent the circuit between UCLA and our (Internet Service Provider) from becoming saturated. And, when the attack occurs during peak traffic times as this one did, it can be very difficult to detect."

Further complicating efforts to stop future attacks are reports Sunday that investigators from the FBI's National Infrastructure Protections Center believe that the recent ones may have originated in Germany.

"The problem with cyber-crime is that if the person hacking is in another country, we don't have jurisdiction," Escudero said.

In response to last week's attacks, President Clinton has scheduled a summit about Internet security issues for next week.

With reports from Daily Bruin wire services.

Prof. sues after being held hostage in Lebanon

UNIVERSITY WIRE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Seeking to make terrorism more expensive for governments, Ohio University visiting professor and former hostage Terry Anderson vividly recalled his seven years in captivity in Lebanon and pressed for compensation from Iran on Tuesday, February 15.

"Governments use terrorism because it is cheap and easy," Anderson testified in Federal District Court of the District of Columbia yesterday. "If governments like Iran have to pay, these rulings will make it more expensive."

Under a 1996 law, Anderson has filed suit against the Islamic Republic of Iran asking for \$100 million in damages. A judge in Anderson's lawsuit issued a default ruling yesterday in Anderson's favor. Now the judge has to decide on damages.

Three other American hostages held with Anderson won a similar judgment in 1998, but they have yet to receive any compensation. Iran has refused to defend itself in any of the suits. It also has sent no lawyers to Anderson's court hearing.

At the time of his capture, Anderson was chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press. He was living in Beirut with his wife, Madeleine Bassil, who was six-months pregnant with their daughter. Since 1998, Anderson has been a visiting professor at OU's E.W. Scripps School of Journalism.

Anderson's lawsuit claims that Iran funded and supported the terrorist organization that kidnapped him in 1985. His testimony focused on his experience in Lebanon before, during and after his kidnapping. He vividly recalled the March morning in 1985 when three members of the Hezbollah, a paramilitary organization, kidnapped him on a public street. He said he knew immediately that he was going to be captive for a long time.

"One of my kidnappers told me not to worry, because my kidnapping was only political," he said. "I knew what that meant. I knew I was going to be gone for a while."

He was held for 2,454 days — almost seven years.

During that time, Anderson's kidnappers moved him around Lebanon more than 20 times. He was psychologically abused, beaten and was often ill, he said.

"You cannot imagine the humiliation of having diarrhea when you are chained to the wall of a cell," he said. "And you could bang on the wall for the guards all you wanted, but they only took you to the bathroom when they wanted to."

But, Anderson testified, he has forgiven his captors. "You can hate what they did, and you can want compensation for that," he said. "But as a Christian and a practical man, you must forgive them."

Bassil and the couple's daughter, Sulome T. Anderson, also are plaintiffs in the case.

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Students shouldn't lose sight of research possibilities beyond Wilson

Hopkins is America's first research university. So, it's fitting that we should build on this tradition with the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship.

It's great that some students are given the opportunity to do research that they might not have been able to afford otherwise. Even freshmen can get involved before they step foot on campus. This kind of experience can only further foster future studies or a career in research.

However, students should realize that they don't have to make grand proposals for a \$10,000 trip to the Ukraine — getting into research doesn't have to be on such a grand scale. You could just as easily get research credits by running psych experiments in Ames Hall. And as far as gaining valuable experience, Ames Hall is just as valid as the Ukraine: What's a better place to do research than one of the top research universities in the world? The fact that a student doesn't receive a Woodrow Wilson scholarship shouldn't deter him or her from continuing their mission to further educate themselves through research.

We love the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, we also hope that students don't lose sight of their many options. The Provost Awards, the Howard Hughes and the many departmental independent study classes have been around for years, and they will continue to be available for us all. (We still aren't happy with the Louis Sudler Prize in the Arts since they don't recognize journalism as credible writing, apparently. Disappointing, to say the least.)

Luckily, judging by the number of participants not only at Homewood but also at the Med School, it seems that students have not failed to recognize that all of these possibilities exist.

Hopefully, the Woodrow Wilson, Provost Awards and Howard Hughes won't become so large that they will become less competitive and more about a name and less about actual research.

We don't really think that this will happen. We may not rank too high on the social lists, but Hopkins students are driven and hard-working. We doubt that this fact will change any time soon.

BSU and SLAC stand together

The Student Labor Action Committee (SLAC) and the Black Student Union (BSU) are proud to be members of JHUnity; we are each dedicated to a just and fair society, that respects and celebrates differences of color and culture without prejudice or ignorance. We also affirm our commitment to economic justice, including the observance of the basic human right to a living wage job. We are excited about the opportunity to come together on February 24th to rally in defense of affirmative action and a real living wage for all those who provide services for Johns Hopkins. We hope you will join us!

I have been one of many faces around the SLAC table for almost two years now (usually the one closest to the box of cookies) and have seen a bright and funny and dynamic group of people struggle with a serious dilemma: How to challenge authority when that authority is not doing the right thing. The values we are pushing Hopkins to affirm by enacting a real living wage are values we each seek to realize in our own lives; they are essentially the same values I affirmed when I led Habitat for Humanity teams as an undergraduate, and organized a food drive at my Synagogue. In a prosperous country such as ours, and a prosperous institution like Johns Hopkins, nobody should have to do without shelter, food or a real livelihood. If we can't convince employers like Johns Hopkins to pay a real living wage, we're going to have to start recruiting many more teams for Habitat and many more food drives because we

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are keeping a workforce of human beings mired in poverty.

I have been honored with the opportunity to work with the partners of SLAC, including faculty, clergy and community members from the city and beyond. I have been especially lucky to be one of the students who has struggled with the discomfort of standing up to authority, and demanding with firm resolve and unwavering commitment that Hopkins make the moral choice.

One of the strongest community partners in the living wage campaign, Bishop Douglas Miles, helped to found the Black Student Union (BSU) in 1968. It was the first organization on campus in which African-American students with common interests and goals could unite as one body.

The purpose of the BSU and its organizational functions and activities are to provide and maintain the best possible conditions in which black students can receive a complete education, including an environment that does not question their ability and teaches them about themselves, their history [African Diasporic Studies].

We desire to promote and work for the improvement and solidification of black unity throughout the university and to stimulate black consciousness and self-respect. We serve as a collec-

tive voice for issues concerning black students. We desire to educate and fight for what's right, including affirmative action, and increasing the number of black faculty and students at Hopkins.

Our biggest event is Black History Month, which serves as a reminder to all about the efforts, contributions and accomplishments of black people throughout time. While these 28 or 29 days have been designated as a specific time to do so, as a nation we must realize the importance of the incorporation and inclusion of black culture all of the time. This is one of the critical points that was considered in planning the events for this year's celebration on our campus. Our calendar features activities that encompass several aspects of Black culture: education, religion, politics, etc. As chairpersons, Marsha Peart and Shermain Daniel designed a program that serves to enlighten the minds of individuals both in and outside of the Hopkins community through informative discussions and lectures as well as other cultural events.

Anyone is welcome to join us to improve conditions at Hopkins for black students. We meet bi-weekly in the BSU room located in the basement of AMR II (0227), and can be contacted at bsu@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu. Finally, we both want to invite all members of the Hopkins and Baltimore community to our rally on February 24th at 4 p.m., outside of Levering Hall.

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Before & after college test

It's not like how you can tell the difference after a breast implant. Totally different situation. Noticeable results, right there. No question. But the before and after college is still rather striking. The test subject, shown here as figure A.5, appears optimistic though panic stricken. He is in the midst of looking about around the courtyard at groups of conversing young adults. He is not talking to anyone. Yet four years later that panic has been replaced instead by a healthy sense of impending doom as he desperately contemplates thinking about looking for a job.

Let's take a look at other samples: Before: Was appalled by stories from optometrist's assistant, detailing the hazards of heavy drinking and contact lens use. After: Loses three pairs of contact lenses first semester. Before: Guffawed at tales of marijuana abuse and the silliness of meaningless chuckles.

After: Vows to smoke himself blind by smoke-boxing his economy sized Japanese automobile. Passes out.

Before: Takes the minimum 5

classes, having 10 studies a week to play chess with his friend Dave and some bused-in inner city kids.

After: Takes minimum 4 classes, going to 7 of 9 hours of class. Plays little chess.

Before: Submerged in a vat of hatred for society.

After: Submerged in a vat of hatred for society. Less trusting.

Before: \$520/month 10x12 dorm room with roommate. Old furniture. Tile floor. Meal plan at Terrace. T1.

After: \$280/month 8x10 room alone in house. Cheap furniture. Hardwood floor, carpet. Huge kitchen. Football table, drum set. DSL.

Before: Clerks rules! Man, that *Kids* movie sure was messed up. I don't know, *Citizen Kane* is kinda overrated. *Godfather III* was great though. Are the first two good?

After: Swears up a storm in *Frame of Reference*. Badly projects movies

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to 20 people.

Before: Pennywise has to be the greatest band ever! I'm gonna wear my Pennywise shirt at school, then all the punk kids will come up and talk to me. It'll be wicked awesome!

After: It is in this doctor's opinion that popular music is rancorous.

What has he learned? Well, that's hardly the question for a doctor merely interested in the obvious personality changes documented above. But I can certainly extrapolate on the data gathered and say this: The subject has complained endlessly on a laundry list of subjects, most hinged on his unsightly hatred for "automatons." Yet, he has chattered betwixt those unsavory diatribes ad nauseam concerning his involvement with dubious film organizations, great friends (excepting of course the subjects that have become bitter enemies), medically and criminally hazardous memories as well as

In this doctor's opinion, the subject holds a certain fondness for this Crabtown, yet will always fantasize ridiculously on his obvious failure to attend Vassar, a college, in his opinion, probably overflowing with eager sluts.

Voting power lies with students

So, I'm hearing many people are pretty pissed off about E-Level going dry, and a lot of people are mad that we had to wait for mother nature to clear up the snow — our \$35,000 didn't contribute anything to it. Well, a lot of people are pointing their fingers at President Brody, screaming for blood. You know what? President Brody is to blame, but he's not the only one at fault here. I know of a certain group that meets on the second floor of 3505 N. Charles St. that deserves just a little bit of the blame. I found myself cursing Brody earlier this week too, but then I realized, hey, what the heck? I thought we elected officials whose job it is to talk to Brody and tell him what we want. What are they doing? Apparently, they are simply intent upon confirming their own power for a little bit longer, rather than doing what is in the best interests of the students.

No, that's not why we elected them. At least, not according to you, the 20 percent who actually care to pick up this paper and care to vote. Curious about campus politics, I embarked on a journey asking people who they voted for and why they voted for them. You want to know the top three responses?

3. He was a friend of mine.
2. He is kind of short, and I felt sorry for him.
- Drum Roll Please.*
1. He's always been the President, that's what he does.

A. REHMATULLA SETTLE FOR NOTHING

What's more effective: Yelling at Brody, or replacing ineffective student leaders with people who actually care? The typical campus politicians at Hopkins are not scared of the people or the power of the people right now. They have made Student Council look like an organization which does nothing, so no one expects any rapid decisions or any progress to be made. What the hell? What kind of elective body is this? They're deceiving us, and they will continue to do so unless we take a stand and vote for someone who actually wants to make a difference. We tried to rise up last year and look what happened, the same old Packers came out on top. There's another chance this year, the old politicians are at last taking their decisive walk on May 25th, and leaving the people the opportunity of electing someone honorable.

You don't have to listen to me. All you have to do is take two minutes out of your busy Orgo-studying routine and think about it. Do you like the fact that the campus has been a deathtrap the past two weeks? Do we really need another coffee bar on campus? I sure as hell don't like the fact

that decisions are being made and now everyone is so upset about it. The blame lies not only on the politicians, but us. Maybe if we knew what kind of people we elected, we wouldn't be screaming now. Here's another question for you: Why is this year's election being delayed and delayed? Well, I can answer the last question for you: They are scared. They are scared that someone who isn't one of "them" might take over.

Now, I'm not allowed to say what I think about each candidate. Apparently the *News-Letter* has a policy about not choosing sides. But before you vote for the same old hack, ask yourself these questions: Do you want power-hungry, career politician to continue on his/her quest to control the school? Are you truly happy with the way things are? Maybe we all would be better off putting someone into office who knows us, not someone who has memorized the layout of 3505. I know what your saying, what happens if I vote all new people and StuCo's just as bad? Well, that's the risk you run, but you can only go up from here.

Pay attention to the words of someone wiser than me: "It's time for the student body of Johns Hopkins to stop voting for who has the coolest name or who has the most friends, and seriously consider who they want representing them." Amen.

Chocolates, roses & hearts, oh my!

JORDEN MANASSE SHORT STUFF

I feel bad," said my friend. "Why?! You shouldn't," I responded. "Well, you don't have a date tonight." Why — would having a date matter? In high school, I always wished for the day when a guy would like me. Now as I get older, I seem to find myself with more guys interested in spending Valentine's Day with me. However, as I think more about the mayhem surrounding this curious day, I begin to wonder what the big deal is and I worry less and less about spending the night on a date. To me, Valentine's Day is not about rushing to find a date for that night so you can get some good lovin'. It is about showing friends and family how much you care for them.

Some people don't even take the time to think about the origin of Valentine's Day; they find themselves buying chocolates and roses without understanding the true meaning of the holiday or the myth behind it. Traditionally, Valentine's Day comes from both ancient Roman and Christian tradition. Claudius II, an emperor during the third century in Rome, found that soldiers who were single fought better than ones who had wives and

families. Therefore, he outlawed marriage for young single men, but Valentine found the decree unjust and continued performing marriages for young lovers in secret. When Claudius had discovered that Valentine defied him, he sentenced Valentine to death. While in prison, it is believed that Valentine may have fallen in love with a young girl, possibly the jailor's daughter, who visited him during his confinement. He then sent her a love letter that was signed "From your Valentine," an expression used today during Valentine's Day. Now, he is thought of as a romantic figure and a saint because of his dedication to helping those that truly loved each other.

This story is a symbol of how love can be shown in various ways. Valentine showed others how he cared by performing marriages in secret. Even though the story is just a legend, we can learn many important things from it. Having a significant other is comforting, but we

are college students learning the ways of the world. Right now, family and friends are probably the most important people in our lives; they are our support system. Yes, it is true, for many people, significant others are there for support and it is possible to find love at our age. But love can come in many forms. So why be lonely on Valentine's Day? I can tell you this: I am not lonely at all and I don't have a boyfriend like many other women on this campus. I am surrounded by many caring friends and I have a very encouraging family waiting for me at home. Chocolates and red roses are just superficial signs of affection (not that I would mind receiving any of these things — please address to Jorden Manasse, Wolman #3316), but when I think about it, the people who love me show it all year long. One day out of the year is not going to change that. When I say, Happy Valentine's Day, I am basically saying, "Thank you for being there for me all the time. Thank you for being a friend." Valentine's day is more than a couple's holiday. It is a holiday for everyone. I just wish everyone would look at what they have and realize that.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

News-Letter does not understand E-Level situation

To the Editors:

I am a regular reader of the Johns Hopkins *News-Letter* and must say, that the overall standards and quality of the paper are a cut above those of many student publications at other universities. However, after reading the two editorials regarding E-Level last week, one might as well totally disregard my prior statement. The articles not only showed an utter lack of journalistic integrity, they reveal a fundamental misunderstanding of the situation by the *News-Letter* editorial staff.

First and foremost, the editorials blatantly misrepresented the new alcohol policy at E-Level. No, the decision to tightly restrict alcohol was not arrived at with the help of "students who counseled the University"; it was a decision made by the Deans as a direct result of two citations from the Liquor Board. What the authors of these articles fail to realize, is three violations in a six month period are more than sufficient grounds for revocation of E-Level's liquor license. Add this to the costs of fines and court proceedings, and your result: the students lose twice. (And yes, these costs would amount to more than the renovations, Ms. Kane.) These decisions were not made, as the articles espoused, to curb student drinking; they were made to keep the University in compliance with the law, while not totally closing E-Level to those under 21.

In regards to the renovations, the articles were also incorrect. No, this is not something which was "all slapped together in less than two weeks." Planning for this project began at the beginning of January, and has been quite extensive. A coffee bar will be added, but it will be an *element* of E-Level, not the focus. Rather than concen-

trate on alcohol, we have chosen to focus on the many talents our student groups have to offer. However, the *News-Letter* obviously feels that booze is more important than our collective human potential, closing the door on our student groups before they have even taken the stage.

The *News-Letter* did get one thing correct. Yes, this is like the beach. The difference is, this time, students have gotten involved before it was too late. It is just too bad, that the *News-Letter* would rather us either do nothing, or have the bar shut down by the Liquor Board, than try to offer alternatives. (And of course, we dare not be excited about any changes we make.)

What disappoints me most is how the *News-Letter* staff has made this situation worse, when it could have made it better. Rather than offer suggestions or critiques which would actually improve the situation, the *News-Letter* staff decided it was better to direct criticism towards students who are trying to make the best of a bad situation, and policy which is the result of Maryland State Law. If this is too much to ask of the *News-Letter* staff, at least they could their topics (*sic*), and present their arguments based on facts.

Sincerely,

Brian William Gish

The author is a member of the E-Level Student Committee

To the Editors:

Thank you for your honest and accurate assessment of E-Level's current status and the uninspired plans for its future in the last issue of the *News-Letter*. I was at one of the meetings held last month to decide E-Level's outcome, and disagreed vehemently with the proposed changes. E-Level can function as a successful, and popular, student pub on this campus given the correct approach. All that is needed is the correct attitude, initiative and temperament. Your editorial and opinion pieces clearly leave me under the impression that undergraduates do not support the changes the Hopkins administration has taken. Instead of abandoning E-Level as a student pub, why not work towards ensuring its success? I really do not think it is essential to have yet another coffee bar at Hopkins. Now who says graduate and undergraduate students can't find something to agree on at Hopkins?

Sincerely,

Anthony Stapon

The author is chair of the Graduate Representative Organization

LETTERS POLICY

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Foreign affairs symposium includes spectrum of speakers

Globalization, New World Order, Fusion, Fission, Interconfabulation. They're all buzzwords that help us to define this era of rapid transformation. But does anyone really care? Should we look at globalization as a reality? Or is it simply one of those eco-words that allow our collective conscience a peaceful night's sleep (whatever that's supposed to mean.) The start of a new millennium sheds new light on many existing issues relating to society and government. Regardless of how pressing many of these issues are, how many of us really keep ourselves informed? Though technically these terms don't have much relevance to the average Hopkins student, the general issues surrounding them definitely do.

During the next few weeks, we as a student body will have an excellent opportunity to learn more about these issues from those directly involved.

The 2000 Johns Hopkins University Symposium on Foreign Affairs begins this Monday. Many of you may remember last year's series of events, and once again this year is sure to impress.

At Hopkins, many of our "college events" tend to appeal solely to a small segment of the student body, may it be cultural, social or even academic. Those events that seemingly appreci-

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ate broad based support tend to fall into the realm of entertainment. The Symposium on Foreign Affairs hopes to bridge these two seemingly disparate ends. Hopefully these events will provide the Hopkins and Baltimore communities with a series of speakers that can both inform and engage. This year's symposium topic is "Globalization: The Political, Cultural and Economic Integration of the International Community." Though the theme is far reaching, I believe that the symposium has done an excellent job in securing speakers that together represent a truly global perspective.

The Johns Hopkins Symposium on Foreign Affairs is set to kick off its events on February 21st. The symposium will continue with events throughout the semester, ending in April. On the 21st, Rubens Antonio Barbosa, the Ambassador of Brazil to the United States will come to speak. A week later, on March 1st, Sheila Sisulu, the South Africa Ambassador to the United States, will be speaking in the Garrett Room.

But will this be it? Most definitely not, with many other events sched-

uled including United States Secretary of Commerce William Daly and the German Ambassador Jurgen Chrobog. But, as with all great news, I save the best for last. On March 13, the legendary MIT Professor Noam Chomsky will be speaking in Shriver Hall. Two days later, Senator George Mitchell, an accomplished diplomat and one of the architects of peace in Northern Ireland, will also be speaking on campus.

The symposium, in its third year, will finally offer us a balance, covering a wide segment of the international system with speakers from around the world. The foreign affairs symposium will be both an event that will allow us as students to meet and hear individuals whose actions have an effect on the international system and our lives. It is hoped that these events will be appealing to both a wide section of students and faculty. Now, this doesn't mean that the only thing important campus wide is symposia related. There will be many other events in the spring that should be quite successful. But I can only think of one which will be able to provide both forum for intellectual debate and an arena for all beliefs to be expressed.

With that I shall end with some words from William Lloyd Garrison. "Our country is the world — our countrymen are all mankind."

Drugs vital political issue

Among the countless issues discussed in today's political races, it seems candidates aren't ready or willing to discuss the toughest one, the one most of them are entangled in — drug law reform. As Clinton looks to send a \$1.6 Billion aid package to Columbia to up the ante in the drug war, we look to elect candidates who have not spoken a word on the issue. And there are good reasons for their silence.

You may recall Texas Governor George W. Bush's statement that he may have used illegal drugs 17 years ago (or more). Yet, even this statement did not spur a debate about drug policy. He can use his coke if he wants and imprison other people who engage in the same activities he "might have" engaged in, no questions asked. He's hard on juvenile crime, yet his possible actions should have landed him in jail, not in the governor's chair.

Similarly, an old friend of Gore's came out with a statement that they used to smoke pot together almost daily. Yet you don't hear a word of legalization, much less a word of affording drug offenders the same privilege from which these candidates, as wealthy white men, have benefitted.

These examples point to the basic and fundamental paradoxes and injustices of the drug war. It's a war not against drugs as a whole, but a war against the lower classes and racial minorities that use drugs. Basically, this translates loosely as an institutionalized forum for the oppression of minorities and working-class people.

Let's face it: White and black people both use drugs, yet black people are far more prosecuted. In fact, about 11 percent of drug users are black. Compare this to the prison population, where blacks constitute

JULIE EISENHARDT ACTUAL REALITY

42 percent of the people imprisoned for drug violations and 60 percent of the people imprisoned for drug felonies. Fifty-four percent of blacks convicted of drug offenses get sentenced to prison versus 34% of whites convicted of the same offenses. Forty-four percent of blacks get prison sentences for possession versus 29 percent of whites; 60 percent of blacks are sentenced to prison for trafficking while 37 percent of whites are sentenced to prison for the same crime. (source: *Drug War Facts: Common Sense for Drug Policy*, compiled by Kendra E. Wright and Paul M. Lewin. www.csdp.org/factbook/)

Madison, WI Mayor Susan Baumann has some insight on these matters. At the one-year review of an anti-loitering ordinance in the summer of 1999, statistics showed that over 70 percent of people ticketed for violating the ordinance were black men aged 16-24 although the city is over 60 percent white. When asked in a press conference why the policy was so seemingly racist, Mayor Baumann replied that "white people deal their drugs indoors." As disturbing as this may seem, it holds some truth. White people, as the privileged, can afford the privacy to buy, sell, and use drugs in areas not under police scrutiny.

The same principle applies to the class dimension of the drug war. People of privileged who can afford to live in areas with good schools can get well-paying jobs without resorting to selling drugs. People born and raised in low-income neighborhoods, with sub-standard schools and dim prospects for

future prosperity, look to drug sales as earning potential — a chance to break free of poverty. In this era when the minimum wage keeps workers uninsured and below the poverty line, this is hardly surprising.

Still, we impose mandatory sentences on drug users and dealers, filling our prisons with these non-violent offenders. By withholding proper elementary education and by allowing the minimum wage to stay so low, we create these problems for ourselves. One in three black men between the ages of 20 and 29 years old is under correctional supervision or control, and a large percentage of these men are temporarily or permanently disenfranchised. Most of them, because of their record, will never be able to get a "respectable" job. We've imposed a vicious circle of poverty and crime on these people and then disallowed them to vote against it.

We need to erase the double-standards and stop accepting the phrases "hard on crime" and "drug war" as quick, voter-friendly solutions to a complex drug problem. To open a forum to discuss these issues, though, we need to remind candidates where they've been on the issue. How can we allow an (allegedly) dedicated pot smoker run for the office as head of a nation waging a violent, multi-billion dollar drug war without addressing the issue? We need to press the candidates on how they intend to win, change, or abandon the war on drugs. And we need to remind them of the facts — that, given the statistics, if the allegations about their drug use are true, the only factors keeping these candidates out of jail were the whiteness of their skin and the thickness of their wallets.

Love, the obligatory way

Monday sucked. An utter waste of my time and everyone else's, the whole of society slathered in pink and red and little hard candy hearts. I can't stand Valentine's Day. It has nothing to do with my status regarding the opposite sex; I'm not single, and I don't hate the day because it depresses me or someone such off-heard excuse. Instead, it seems to bring out the worst in people. Yes, it's supposed to be a day of heartfelt love, and all that other flowery bullshit, but in reality it just comes out as a commercialized glorification of everything shallow and facile in interpersonal relations in America today. The words which immediately come to mind when thinking about the 14th are 'obligatory' and 'ritualized,' rather than 'love' or 'romance.' Is this just due to my black-hearted contempt for all things cheery and perky? Let's take a look at what goes on.

There are certain things which we, as a society, do simply because we are expected to. Take Christmas, for example. A tiny minority of the country celebrates Christmas in its intended fashion, that being a deeply religious holiday for contemplation and thanksgiving. Most of the populace just exchange gifts and hang out with the extended family, not because they want to (Do you really like your in-laws that much? Say it with a straight face.) but because they fear the social repercussions of *not* observing the holiday. A person who doesn't celebrate Christmas risks being labeled a grinch and getting ostracized by his family, inciting grudges and issues for years to come within that group.

Now, love and romance. Both are considered to be spontaneous, deep and meaningful in their 'ideal' form, according to the oracle of conventional wisdom. Anything that makes a relationship seem contrived or false is to be avoided, we are told; we must always be

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ourselves, since we shouldn't (Now, *this* never happens!) *deceive* our partners. In the singles scene, examples of this abound. Men who go up to women they don't know in bars and make a huge, flowery production of giving the woman a rose are frequently shot down, simply because it reeks of falsehood — the woman assumes (correctly) that since the man arrived at the bar with a flower in hand, he was planning on giving it to someone, and that his display of affection is nothing more than a shallow ploy. Likewise, a man who displays all the creativity of a slowly rotting eggplant in the process of wooing a woman is not going to get anywhere. To succeed, one must seem both sincere and spontaneous.

However, contrast this with the concept of Valentine's Day. Here is a holiday deemed, by whatever secret masters control the urges of society, to be devoted to love and romance. A holiday observed by just about everyone. If you have a girlfriend or a boyfriend, you simply *must* think about doing something special for Valentine's day; regardless of what you think about it yourself, if you don't do something intimate and meaningful for the 14th, you risk finding out that your partner is mightily pissed.

Of course, that's the Catch 22. Since *everyone* celebrates Valentine's Day, out of a feeling of obligation, fear of repercussions, or honest-to-God romance, it's nearly impossible to celebrate it in such a way that is sincere and spontaneous. Oops. Instead, for the bulk of society, the holiday ends up crassly ritualized. The male buys the female a dozen roses and some candy, writes a sappy card, hands them off, and tries to act prop-

erly romantic. Despite the fact that both partners may feel like the holiday is a sham, they act as if it is in fact deeply meaningful to them. So much for always being level with your partner.

And what if you try to fight against the crushing grasp of the flowers-and-candy ritual, and come up with something new and interesting, that really shows how much you 'love' your partner? In order to do that, one ends up ritualizing the holiday even more; instead of everyone being themselves, the romantic act is transformed into a series of highly scripted gestures: First dinner at X restaurant, then go walk at X park, then go watch X film, then go home and screw around using X props in X manner. In attempting to be unique, one only succeeds in being contrived. Sure, it'd probably be more satisfying to just make love like crazed weasels on the rug, but that's not 'special' enough for Valentine's, so we get these ridiculous plots and plans, with people thinking about what to do for weeks beforehand.

Of course, I'm a jaded, bitter cynic, one who obviously has no heart for romance, since I dare point out that Valentine's Day is a big pile of crap. Thankfully, I'm dating someone just as unpleasant as myself. For the first time in about five years, I didn't have to put up with the whole Valentine's Day charade. I didn't have to spend the week beforehand worried that my S.O. might not like what I had planned. I didn't have to spend my time concealing my opinion of just how fucking dumb the whole thing is. It was glorious. Absolutely wonderful. The day itself involved 6 straight hours of talking and screwing around, no bullshit. Good wholesome fun, without the taint of societal pressure. About damn time.

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Parking, affirmative action style

Imagine if this happened ... One day, you walk out to your car and find a parking ticket. You're not parked in front of a fire hydrant; there isn't a meter; and it's not a handicapped spot. But still, the ticket reads that you have been illegal parked. It's not until then you notice the sign above your car. It is all black, and in the center of a red circle with a diametric slash is a white stick figure depicting a male. You had parked in an Affirmative Action parking place.

What is Affirmative Parking? Affirmative Parking should be designed to help all those who have been denied the opportunity of good parking places, by designating easy access parking for women and minorities. It is a parking place that ensures the glass ceiling of the parking lot is shattered by creating a parking lot which better reflects America.

For too long, the parking places nearest shopping mall, movie theater and grocery store entrances have been occupied by the same group of people, owning faster cars, just like their fathers before them. We will need new Department of Motor Vehicle quotas requiring parking places located closer to the entrances of government buildings and private business to better demonstrate an 'accurate stratification

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of American society,' and Affirmative Parking would be a step in the right direction.

Think about this. If it is so that a sizable economic gap exists between white males and women and minorities, then it is only logical that white males will be able to buy faster, more dependable cars. They will also be able to send their children to specialized driving schools, which, in effect will provide them with an unfair advantage in securing a driver license, and also teach them better driving skills. The results are devastating to women and minorities. White males will be at a distinct advantage in the parking lot, by being able to secure for themselves a better parking place.

Furthermore, Affirmative Parking will help to right the vehicular wrongs which have been perpetrated by white males to every other group in America. Do the decedents of oppressed peoples not deserve their own parking places as an apology for the past? For just as the car represents freedom in America, the denial of freedom to so many for so long can be atoned for; their decedents can receive compensation; a parking place can be reserved! That is why we should gladly pay our tickets, and add another hyphen. We can be Affirmative-Action-Americans!

Now that I think of it, there are other places that need Affirmative Action as well. Take this example. A couple of years ago, I believe it was Chicago which changed its acceptance standards for the fire department in order to recruit more women. For example, female firemen would have to carry a lighter weighted dummy during rescue training.

I think we should apply this to basketball as well. It discriminates against short, small-handed people. We need an Affirmative Action basketball, specifically designed for people with smaller hands. Is it fair that those who are at a disadvantage when it comes to gripping a basketball are immediately disqualified for factors beyond their control, i.e. small hands? And the hoop — ten feet off the ground! We need an Affirmative Action Basketball Hoop, which will eliminate height inequalities. I can't dunk a basketball, namely because the hoop is too high for me. So is it fair that I am put to

the same standards as every other basketball player? Of course not.

Why is it the same people who protest the government and businesses because of its 'inaccurate representation' of America will never touch sports using that argument? I wonder what would happen to professional sports if Affirmative Action quotas were instated? Who would be interested in watching if you knew the players were not the best possible athletes? Everything is about the purity of the game. Purity is the greatest benefit from absolute freedom.

But that's not necessarily true. Sports has been contaminated, and purity has been lost. The distance between home plate and the outfield at Yankee Stadium was shortened some years ago. Why? Because people want to see more home runs. So in truth, we are not seeing the same home run that fans saw when Mantle or DiMaggio made a perfect hit. It is a manufactured, an impure, commercialized home run. I have decided I will no longer cheer for a home run in Yankee Stadium. Can't we call it an Affirmative Action Baseball Stadium?

I turn around and see a California Proposition which passes by referendum, reading that race, gender, sexual orientation, etc. will NOT be used as criteria for assessment by the state. This is beautiful. This is a beautiful law, justly passed, not by a legislature, but by the people of California. But this is still protested; and those against it, wanting nothing but an over-protective, patronizing government, will still have the audacity to call themselves free. Freedom is not manufactured, but politics are, because, my friends, politics are a business. What would happen to people such as the leaders of the Feminist Majority Association, NOW, and Jesse Jackson if racial and gender harmony existed? Their political organizations would no longer be necessary, and the power, fame and money which are at their fingertips they would no longer be able to enjoy. They would be out of business. That is why a law which eliminates race and gender based discrimination will be protested. Just like Phillip Morris will insist cigarettes are not harmful so as to continue to sell their product, certain "Civil Rights" groups will never allow their jobs to be finished. As of now, I'll turn around and ask myself if Rudy needed an Affirmative Action Football when he tried out for Notre Dame. We do have a lot to learn from him.

Happiness comes from actions, not from money

I have a few questions for all pre-meds here at Hopkins: Why are you pre-med? Why do you want to be a doctor? Do you want to be a doctor? I know that sounds stupid, but I really have to wonder. So many pre-meds here say they plan to be doctors for reasons I can't understand. Some want to help sick people or work with kids or specialize in an area that has personal significance, and I think that's wonderful. But others want prestige or respect or just plain old money.

Why? Yes, money is useful. You need some to eat and more to pay rent and more to buy clothes and so on and so forth. But there's a limit to all that. You need the basics, you want the rest. Sure, a Mercedes is more comfortable, but a used Chevy still gets you to work every morning. Big houses are cool, but they get lonely sometimes.

In other words, money won't buy you happiness. I know it's a cliché, but it's one of the few I believe in. For me, money is a means, not an end.

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don't want a fat bank account if I'm not happy with my life; I'd rather have just enough to scrape by and a smile on my face. Lots of people would say that I'm an idealist and poor people can't be happy. I do agree that if I were starving or homeless, I wouldn't be happy either. But I think that some students here (as well as lots of people elsewhere) don't really think about the in-between states, where you may not earn all that much, but you can live very comfortably.

For everyone who wants to be a doctor — or a lawyer, or anything else, for that matter — just to make lots of money, ask yourself if it's really worthwhile. Most pre-med students I know don't like their pre-med classes, and some stress themselves out enormously just to get through the sequence. This is college, folks. It's the last chance most of us have to figure out what we like and learn all

about it and everything else that seems cool. It's the last time we have summers off and breaks in mid-March and friends who all live around the corner. If you aren't enjoying your time here, maybe you aren't spending it well. In the long run, which counts more, your final orgo average or the friends you may keep for life?

Don't forget, this is just the beginning. If you're headed to med school just to earn your future salary, are you going to enjoy learning more orgo and physiology and genetics? Are you going to enjoy your job, or will you end up working too hard because you're never making enough and you really don't care if your patients get better?

That's what really bothers me. If you're in medicine for the money, you're getting rich off of other people's illnesses. You aren't trying to heal them or alleviate their pain; you're exploiting their misfortune. And why? What you're going to do with your salary? I'll completely ignore the whole HMO issue and the fact that not all doctors become in-

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Spaceliner 100: next generation of travel

BY BRIAN KIM
 THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

In 1994, NASA's Advanced Space Transportation Program (ASTP) was initiated by President Clinton to develop new technologies that would lead to safer, faster and more affordable space travel. Ultimately, their goal is to provide space travel for everyone.

Currently, space shuttles are used to go into space, however such travel is costly and limited to only a handful of individuals on Earth. Currently, it costs \$10,000 per pound for low orbit space travel. NASA plans on reducing those costs to \$1000 per pound within 10 years, to \$100 per pound within 25 years, and to \$10 per pound within 40 years. Commercial airliners currently cost approximately \$1 per pound.

NASA is testing the second generation of space travel, reusable launch vehicle (RLV) technologies through what's called the Pathfinder program. There are three test models: X-33, X-34, X-37.

The X-33 is the flagship of the RLVs. It is unpiloted, takes off vertically like a rocket, reaching an altitude of up to 60 miles and speeds up to Mach 15, and landing horizontally like an airplane. The X-33 is only a prototype model for the RLV. Its design is similar to the proposed RLV, but smaller. It's purpose is to provide reliability and lower cost for commercial space travel.

The X-34 is a sub orbital, air launched vehicle that can travel up to speeds of Mach 8. It is designed to test several aspects of space travel such as such as an integrated vehicle health monitoring system, advanced thermal protection system, autonomous flight operations, nontraditional propulsion systems, safe-abort capability, and composite structures.

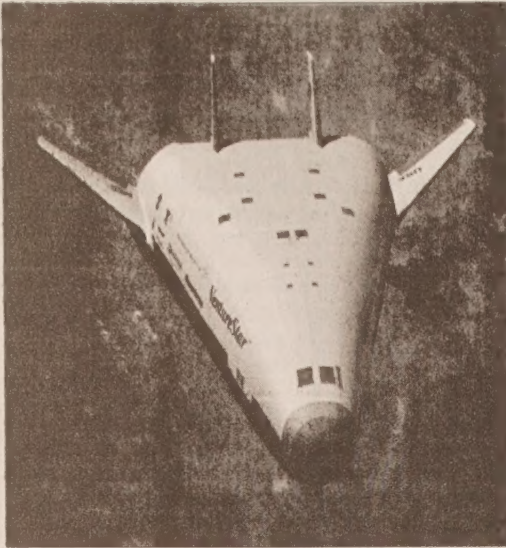
The X-34 will be launched from several different flight platforms such as space shuttles and satellites; and will be flown in a variety of weather and environmental conditions.

The X-37 is designed to test up to 40 advanced airframe, propulsion, and operations technologies that can support various launch vehicle and spacecraft designs. These tests are geared towards NASA's effort to dramatically cut the cost of putting payloads into space.

NASA has what is called the SpaceLiner 100 roadmap. This is not a prototype vehicle, but a plan for developing the third generation of RLVs. NASA will be focusing on advanced technologies that will lower launch costs that absorb approximately 25 percent of the Agency's annual budget, and provide far more reliable and safer vehicles. Some rockets used today fail between 1-10 percent of the time. Space shuttles experience catastrophic failure 1 in every 200 flights. NASA hopes to reduce these numbers to far less than 0.1 percent in ten years and one in a million within 25 years.

SpaceLiner 100 is a technology blueprint — a roadmap — that will

enable the third generation RLVs to be possible by guiding the idea and creation of new technology. The SpaceLiner 100 will conduct a series



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of flight experiments and flight demonstrator programs such as the Pathfinder program.

Commercial space travel may sound exciting, but to many, it may also be scary. NASA's key emphasis on future technologies of space transportation is safety and reliability. One of the most important factors in making modern day commercial airline companies successful, is safety and reliability. This would be no different for commercial space aircraft operations.

SpaceLiner 100 will steer clear of a performance emphasized concept and work on safe space travel. This

will in turn lower costs as well by reducing the need for backup systems for insurance, or elaborate and expensive maintenance and launch procedures. The goals of SpaceLiner 100 have embodied a 'safety first' mentality from the outset. NASA realized that this is important in achieving the goal of commercial space transportation in the future.

The reliability of SpaceLiner 100 technologies focuses on minimizing or eliminating the possibility of catastrophic failure. They will approach this goal by using functionally redundant systems wherever they are practical as well as minimizing the opportunity for human error, which can be seen in the automated piloting systems of the Pathfinder prototypes and the integrated vehicle health monitoring system. In the event of vehicle failure, reliable means of personnel survival will be developed.

By developing more reliable and robust vehicle designs, vehicle performance can also be enhanced leading to the development of lightweight materials and cooling systems that could withstand temperatures above 4000F.

Engine performance can be increased by combining rocket and air-breathing propulsion and by developing rockets that are three times lighter than those used by space shuttles today. Such developments are currently being made by SpaceLiner 100.

SpaceLiner 100 will make it possible for safe and affordable commercial space transportation by focusing on safety, reliability and performance. In the next 25 years, vehicle systems will become one hundred times cheaper and ten thousand times safer to operate making space a frontier that can be explored by anyone.

Harming animals in JHU laboratories

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JHU'S VOICE FOR
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In 1998, the National Institute of Health gave Johns Hopkins \$308,835,309 in research grants, more than it gave to any other institution in the country. As members of the Johns Hopkins community, we can be sure that much of this money went to harming and eventually killing innumerable animals, such as the non-human primates who are routinely injected with cocaine and heroine in Hopkins laboratories.

Robert Moore, an NIH representative, admits that there is no way of knowing how many animals are used by Hopkins researchers, as the Animal Welfare Act monitors only the treatment of some animals and completely ignores that of others, mice and rats among them. Thus, researchers often do not need to specify how many animals they have experimented on or in what way they have done so.

This lack of accountability harms not only the highly sentient creatures in Hopkins's care, but the taxpayers who fund their mistreatment and the students who supposedly learn from it.

Ethically, animal experimentation presents a conundrum for researchers. They argue that animal experimentation is useful because animals are like us. However, they simultaneously assert that it is, and can only be, morally justifiable if animals are not like us. Thus the argument for vivisection is predicated on a contradiction that cannot be resolved.

Moreover, while the central nervous system of many animals is quite similar to our own, meaning that they feel pain in much the same way that we do, their other systems, cardiovascular, for instance, may differ greatly.

The importance of these differences cannot be underestimated, for they obfuscate research data to the extent that it cannot reliably be said to reflect human conditions to the same stimuli. It therefore seems illogical to utilize animals in order to test a hypothesis about humans.

Further, the laboratory environment is often so stressful for animals that their hormone levels, cancer rates and susceptibility to infections are impaired. They frequently exhibit illnesses, making it difficult, if not impossible, for researchers to determine which symptoms are the result of the experiment and which can be attributed to the laboratory situation itself.

Students, then, would be far better served if Hopkins were to make greater use of the myriad of animal alternatives currently available. Such alternatives, over five hundred in all, include the Cat Dissection Library CD-ROM, Bio-Lab Invertebrate CD-ROM, and Biology Dissection CD-ROM. The aforementioned cost considerably less than the price of dissecting live animals, can be used year after year, and allow students to practice the techniques as many times as they need to truly learn the material.

Johns Hopkins appears to lag behind its peers in securing such options for its students. While schools such as Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania and Rice University maintain alternatives to dis-

section policies, Hopkins does not.

Even though more than half of all American medical schools, Harvard, Yale, Columbia and Stanford among them, have done away with live animal laboratories, Hopkins has not.

By retaining animal labs, in which cats, dogs and other animals are strapped to tables and injected with drugs after which they often wake up in pain after undergoing serious procedures, Hopkins is arguably doing a great disservice to its students.

Hippocrates instructed, "First, do no harm." At Johns Hopkins, students are expected to inflict pain on their first patients, an act which no doubt desensitizes them to suffering

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and seems shameful for an institution best known for churning out physicians.

A better lesson might be Albert Einstein's: "Our task must be to free ourselves by widening our circle of compassion to embrace all living creatures and the whole of nature in its beauty."

Students wishing out to practice more humane science can speak out. Find out if a professor expects you to dissect or view a dissection as soon as possible and tell him immediately that you do NOT wish to do so.

Explain your reasons for refusing to dissect and ask that he respond to your request as soon as possible. If he does not, speak to the head of the department or to the dean.

Suggest vivisection alternatives such as a supervised operating room experience. Write a letter to Johns Hopkins University and Johns Hopkins University Medical School and ask that live animal laboratories be eliminated and more humane teaching methods be implemented.

For more information, visit The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine website at www.pcrm.org or the American Anti-Vivisection Society at www.aavs.org.

Last year, Lacey Levitt founded JHU's Voice for Animals, a student group dedicated to improving the lives of animals. To join e-mail her at lll1@jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu.

The world's desire for a technological defense

BY CHONG YI
 THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

China recently acquired a guided-missile ship from Russia. China's relentless pursuit of military armament heightens tension in the global world, and more specifically, with its neighbor Taiwan. The acquisition of the Russian destroyer is significant because it clearly reflects China's desire for a high-tech navy.

China is improving its military through fast modernization and unprecedented changes, and exhibits its hype over high-tech weapons in recent years.

The most formidable weapon of the Russian warship is the Sunburn anti-ship missile designed to specifically penetrate American carrier defenses. The Russian missile is also capable of carrying nuclear warheads, although it is against Russia's strategic interests to provide nuclear warheads with the missiles.

But it is possible for Russians to provide the nuclear warheads or China to develop technology that would enable missiles to deliver a nuclear warhead. China purchased two of the Russian ships last year, and the second ship is expected later this year. The country is also in the process of negotiating the purchase for at least two more ships.

The Chinese have also purchased four Kilo-class submarines from Russia, and Israel is helping China with the avionics for a fighter aircraft. Russia and Israel have become major trading partners for China when United States and European countries refused to supply weapons. Military analysts deride China's purchase of out-of-date weaponry, indicating that they pose little threat to the American military.

Regardless of its threat to the Americans, it is certain that China is in the middle of a precipitous climb in technological advancement. For example, look at China's nuclear advance during the past few decades. It took the United States 31 test blasts to develop the Hydrogen bomb, whereas China needed only six test blasts.

The transition from detonation to the actual development of the H-bomb took the Chinese 32 months. It took the British 66 months, Russians 75 months, United States 87 months, and the French 103 months.

China has also succeeded in developing the most advanced miniature warhead, W-88, first invented by the United States in the 1980s. W-88 was a major breakthrough because

Americans successfully decreased the size of the warhead to the size of a watermelon. The debate over whether espionage took place during the process is still unresolved.

A Chinese-American scientist, Wen

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Ho Lee, was fired from his job at Los Alamos for the alleged theft of United States' nuclear secrets. Lee was eventually released from the charge, and contention rose over the idea that race was a factor in accusing Lee of being a spy.

Tension between China and Tai-

wan increased during the summer when Taiwan's president, Lee Teng-hui, declared that talks between his government and the Chinese government should be on a "state-to-state basis." The mainland regarded the comment as another step toward formal independence.

If China does indeed attack Taiwan, United States will undoubtedly intervene, possibly leading to war. China has been the center of the world's attention, not only because of constant purchase of weaponry, but also with the issue of attaining membership in the World Trade Organization (WTO). The relationship with the Chinese is complicated and multi-dimensional — United States advocates giving China its membership despite opposition from European countries.

Up to this date, China has lacked the ability to carry out its threat of invasion mainly because of Taiwan's superior air force and the United States' naval support in the Asian Pacific region. China, however, continues to intimidate Taiwan by obtaining more and more ballistic missiles. United States is obligated to defend Taiwan because of the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, although the selling of arms to Taiwan has stagnated for several years.

New dietary standards target fat

Nutrition experts rewriting the nation's dietary guidelines will likely specify for the first time who might benefit from moderate consumption of alcohol: middle-aged men and women.

The proposed new guidelines, expected to be made public soon by an 11-member advisory committee, also will tell Americans to cut down on foods rich in saturated fats such as meat and dairy products, according to a working draft of the standards.

They will include a change in wording intended to make it easier for consumers to adhere to the 'maximum fat intake' — renaming the maximum as "moderate" in fat, instead of "low" in fat, according to a working draft of the new standards.

The revised guidelines also will put more emphasis on eating whole grains, fruits and vegetables and will include a special section on food safety. "These guidelines will be better than they have ever been," Margo Wootan, a senior scientist with the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a nutrition advocacy group.

First published in 1980, the guidelines are revised every five years to

reflect the latest developments in scientific research. Federally funded nutrition programs, including school lunches and Meals on Wheels, are required to adhere to the recommendations, and they are also widely used by professionals and dietitians in advising consumers.

As for alcohol intake, the existing guideline says "moderate drinking is associated with a lower risk for coronary heart disease in some individuals." The draft guideline specifies who those individuals are — men over 45 and women over 55 — and says there is "little health benefit for younger people." Moderate drinking is defined as one drink a day for women and no more than two daily for men.

The current guidelines on fat recommend that people follow a diet that is low in total fat. The new recommendation is for a diet that is "moderate in total fat," but low in saturated fat and cholesterol.

The recommended maximum fat intake will not change; it will remain 30 percent of total calories, or 65 grams a day in a 2,000 calorie diet. Research by the food industry indicates consumers are put off by the term low-fat and see a moderate-fat diet as easier to follow, even if the fat content is the same.

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no fat," said Susan Borra, a dietitian with the International Food Information Council, the food industry's consumer research arm. "The goal is to get people to manage their fat, to control their fat. We need to find the word that communicates that."

Wootan said the wording change emphasizes that "what's really important is to cut back on is saturated fat."

Before the guidelines become official, they must be approved by the departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services. The departments typically go along with the advisory committee's recommendations.

The departments were sued recently by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine and other groups. They contend the committee is stacked with scientists biased toward meat and dairy products because of their ties to those industries through research or advisory work.

The lawsuit, which seeks to block the committee from releasing its recommendations, alleges that the guidelines emphasize the consumption of meat, dairy and egg prod-

ucts, ignoring the special dietary needs of minority groups. Many blacks, for example, are lactose intolerant.

"Frankly, it looks to me as if they were written with health interests only about half weighed-in and the remaining part was written with an eye to the meat and dairy industries," said Neil Barnard, president of the physicians group.

The food industry has not necessarily been happy with the committee's work, however. The National Cattlemen's Beef Association and the National Pork Producers Council did not like the emphasis the committee was putting on saturated fat, telling the committee that it "unfairly indicts all foods of animal origin as bad."

Study questions vitamin E veracity

A large study casts doubt on the widely held belief that daily vitamin E pills help ward off heart problems.

Although the study is unlikely to settle the question, it found no evidence over four-and-a-half years that

the pills do any good. Earlier research suggested that vitamin E may lower the risk substantially in people who already have heart disease.

The new study of 9,541 high-risk patients looked at whether vitamin E or a widely used blood pressure pill, called an ACE inhibitor, could prevent heart attacks and strokes.

The ACE inhibitor was very effective, and those results were reported when the results were announced at a medical conference in November. The study was published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine* and led by Dr. Salim Yusuf of Hamilton General Hospital in Ontario.

Yusuf said that vitamin E has been shown to help against prostate cancer but that four earlier studies about vitamin E and heart problems were conflicting. He said this might have been because of small doses, small numbers of heart problems overall, or short treatments.

Intel seeks computers in classroom

Intel Corp. has announced a three-year, \$100 million effort to make computers a daily classroom tool for the nation's teachers, 80 percent of whom are said to be leery about relying on

technology.

The program will pay for about a week of training this year for 10,000 teachers this year at nonprofit centers in Northern California, Oregon, Texas and Arizona. It is intended to reach 90,000 more teachers by 2002.

In Arizona, an initial 100 teachers from districts across the state would be trained to instruct colleagues, officials said Thursday. Trainers would get a stipend, and districts could get discounts on computer equipment.

"All the educational technology in classrooms today is worth nothing if teachers don't know how to use it," said Craig Barrett, Intel's chief executive officer. "Computers aren't magic. Teachers are."

Intel, the world's leading computer chip maker, is based in Santa Clara, Calif. Microsoft said it is donating \$344 million worth of its Office 2000 programs to the program.

In 2001, the program is expected to expand to 40,000 teachers in 10 other states. Intel says it hopes to expand the program to 50,000 U.S. teachers in 2002 and plans to reach 300,000 teachers in 19 other countries.

A recent Department of Education report showed four out of five classroom teachers did not feel prepared to use technology as part of daily instruction.

The sea otter: A unique tool-using mammal

The sea otter is the most popular and well-known of the 13 species in the family

The sea otter lives primarily on the North American Pacific coast. Their habitat ranges from the Alaskan shores to the coast of California. Their habitats are centered around kelp beds since that is where they are able to find nourishment. Otters eat clams, crabs, snails, mussels, sea urchins and even abalone. They eat around 30 percent of their body weight every day since they have such a high metabolic rate. Sea otters are one of only a few tool-using mammals that exist. After taking a deep breath, the sea otter dives down to the bottom of the ocean to search for food. When it does find a tasty catch, it picks the food under small skin flaps in its armpits and resurfaces with a small stone. At the surface, it floats on its back and using its stomach as a table, smashes its meal against the rock to get to the tasty inside. While underwater, the otter uses its extremely sensitive whiskers (vibrissae) to find its prey hiding in the seaweed or in a crevice. Its forceful paws are extremely proficient in extracting its meal. One of the otter's favorite foods is abalone. This is a shellfish which is six to ten inches in size and can hold a few pounds of meat inside. To dislodge the small animal from its anchorage on the sea floor, the otter uses a rock to hammer away at a rate of up to 45 blows in fifteen seconds. The otter resurfaces to take another breath if it has to and then dives down to hammer until the abalone has been cut loose. Otters like exploring different foods. In one instance, an otter found some octopi that had hidden themselves in soda cans. It took the otter only about thirty seconds to open the can and extract the octopus. Sea otters use their hair to protect themselves from the elements. They have strong, waterproof guardhairs that measure 34 to 36 millimeters in length. Instead of blubber, otters have underfur with hairs that range from 19 to 20 millimeters in length. Otters, especially those in the Arctic, use their hairs to keep

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warm. They have about one million hairs per square inch of their body. They have more hair in one square inch of their body than we have on our entire heads! Sea otters have to keep their

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hair clean. If not, the underfur would clump up and would not be able to trap the necessary air bubbles used for insulation. As a result, the otter would most likely freeze to death. When sea otters mate, a male first walks through a group of females to pick his mate. If rejected, the female otter may slap, hiss or snap at his face. If the female does not reject the male, they head out to the edge of the kelp bed. Mating is violent and painful. The two will trash about in the water, and in a few minutes, the female may emerge with a red,

often wounded nose where the male was holding on. This wound may eventually heal, but can leave a scar. The male may hang around the female for the next few days, but after that, it has no other role in the upbringing of its young. Sea otters range from 0.675 to 1.63 meters in length. They are rather large, and weigh about 45 kilograms — they are one of the largest otter species that exist. When an otter is born, it is delivered in the sea. Sea otter pups range from only about three to five pounds in weight. There usually is only one pup born per pregnancy. If there are twin pups, only one will survive. This is because the otter's mother can only take care of one pup at a time. The food requirements of mother and pup are large, so it is hard enough to manage one pup, much less two. The sea otter's mother is its cradle, protection and home for its first few months, so there is no room for another pup. Mothers are very protective of their young. In dangerous situations, the mother will take her young pup and dive underwater. If they dive too much, this could be fatal for the pups. Therefore, when watching a mother and a pup, be careful not to scare them. As a toddler, the otter pup is too fluffy and buoyant to dive. Since it does not yet know how to swim well, the pup will just peer curiously underwater. In a few weeks, it will be able to swim and dive with its mother. At naptime, the two probably will hold hands, or wrap themselves in kelp to keep from drifting apart. Pups also develop a loud, high-pitched squeal. This can be heard for miles and is a great factor in the pup's survival. By way of this squeal, mothers can locate their pups when they get lost. There are thirteen species of otter, not all living in the sea. This, however, is the most popular and well known of the otters. If you have seen a picture of an otter before, chances are that it was the picture of a sea otter. So next time you go to the Pacific Coast, be on the lookout for kelp beds, and when you do find one, keep another eye out for those exciting otters!

Still interested in sea otters? Learn more about the fascinating animals on the web! Check out the extensive site <http://otternet.com/species/seaotter.html> to satisfy all of your otter curiosities.



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Dr. Hays Rye
Yale University
Department of Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry
"The GroEL Chaperonin: a two stroke protein folding engine"
4 p.m., Homewood, Jenkins 109

Thursday, February 25, 2000
Dr. Deborah Andrew
Department of Cell Biology and Anatomy
JHU School of Medicine
Faculty Seminar
"Salivary gland formation in Drosophila: a model system for organogenesis"
Noon, JHMI, WBSB 110

Wednesday, March 1, 2000
William J. Pavan PhD
Genetic Disease Research Branch
National Institute of Health
"Genetic analysis of neural crest-melanocyte development"
Noon, JHMI, WBSB West Lecture Hall

Wednesday, March 1, 2000
Trevor Creamer
University of Kentucky
Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry Seminar
1:30 p.m., JHMI, PCTB 517

Wednesday, March 8, 2000
Valeria C. Culotta PhD
School of Public Health
Johns Hopkins University
"Copper Chaperone: escort proteins for metal ions"
Noon, JHMI, WBSB West Lecture Hall

Wednesday, March 15, 2000
Janet Lindsley
University of Utah
Biophysics and Biophysical Chemistry Seminar
1:30 p.m., JHMI, PCTB 517

Wednesday, March 22, 2000
Victor A. Bloomfield, PhD
Department of Biochemistry
University of Minnesota
"DNA condensation by multivalent cations"
Noon, JHMI, WBSB West Lecture Hall

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SPORTS

Wrestling improves from previous years

Hopkins team finally overcomes adversaries, earning tough split

BY MATTHEW MALONI
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Johns Hopkins wrestling team (5-7-2 overall, 2-4 Centennial Conference) split a tri-meet against Washington & Lee and Albright this past Saturday.

The Blue Jays started the day with a loss to the Generals of Washington and Lee but rebounded to triumph over visiting Albright. W&L swept the meet, beating Hopkins by a 28-17 margin and soundly defeating Albright 38-15.

The day started well for Hopkins, as the Jays staked a 10-3 lead after the first three matches. Brian Frank pinned his opponent in 2:53, and Cory Falgowski followed with a major decision to put Hopkins on top.

But, in the next three matches, the numbers caught up with the home team. Hopkins had to forfeit two of the three, sacrificing the lead in the process.

As coach Kirk Salvo said, the lack of wrestlers presents a problem for Hopkins. While the Jays started the season with "ten to fifteen guys, other teams have at least 20, usually more."

This has been trouble all year long, but it has caused problems,

most in recent weeks for the Blue Jays.

It did not stop causing problems in the match against the Generals.

Hopkins was down after six of the ten matches by a count of 18-10 but started a small rally that brought the team within striking distance.

It was 18-17 going into the day's penultimate match, but the victory was already sealed for the Generals,

WRESTLING		
HOME	Washington and Lee	28
VISITOR	Hopkins	17
HOME	Albright	21
VISITOR	Hopkins	35

since there would be one last forfeit in the last match. The final score was Washington & Lee 28, Johns Hopkins 17.

However, the tables were turned in the second match of the day, against Albright. Hopkins faced a team that

had fewer wrestlers than the Blue Jays.

The result: eight out of ten matches ended in a forfeit, with the teams splitting the two matches actually wrestled.

Aaron Moak had the win for Hopkins, winning by technical fall, 16-0, in the 184 lb. match. Mike Halchak had a fine effort in his 174 lb. match, losing a very close match by the score of 7-4.

Hopkins picked up five victories through forfeits or injury defaults and Albright received three, leading to the final score of Hopkins 35, Albright 21.

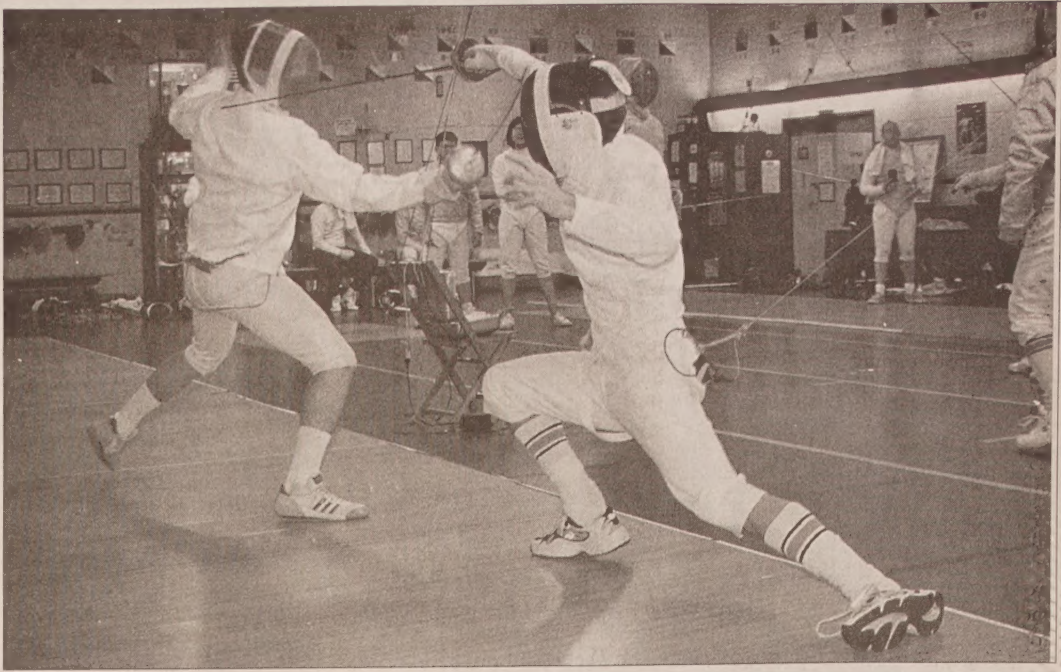
Moak, Frank and Falgowski each win both matches that they had in the meet.

Up next for the Blue Jays is the Centennial Conference tournament, which will be held at the Larry Goldfarb Gymnasium. Tickets for the event are free for students of a Centennial Conference school with ID.

The prospects for Hopkins are very good at this tournament, since it is an individual tournament.

This means that instead of giving up 18 points in each match, the Jays will just not be represented in 3 weight classes.

This will finally solve the numbers problem for Hopkins and put them on an even ground with their competitors.



Men's Fencing took one of three at the meet this past weekend, including a 16-11 win against Haverford.

Fencing team struggles through past weekend

Men's team earns a win while the women's team comes up empty

BY CHRIS LUI
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Men's fencing team (record 11-11, 8-3 in conference) posted a 1-2 record in their weekend meet against Haverford, Cornell and Army.

Backed by a strong epee, the team beat Haverford 16-11. Epee Kevin Hopkins was a perfect 3-0 in the match. Coach Dick Oles was pleased with the team's performance in the game.

"We did well, especially our guys fenced better epee." But the team lost to Cornell and Army, 19-8 and 18-9, respectively.

The results were tough for Coach Oles to swallow, "We showed flashes of brilliance, but overall, we didn't fence well. Mistakes and lack of experience did us in." The foil squad posted a 4-5 record against the Army foils.

Foil captain Sameer Mandke was disappointed with the performance.

MEN'S FENCING		
HOME	Haverford	11
VISITOR	Hopkins	16
HOME	Cornell	19
VISITOR	Hopkins	08
HOME	Army	18
VISITOR	Hopkins	09

"We expected more out of the epee. Up until this weekend, we were undefeated." The epee squad lost 2-7. Coach Oles was disappointed with the result, hoping that the epee squad would duplicate their strong performance against Haverford.

"We expected more out of epee, we expected more out of everybody, we just did not perform. By and large, we just weren't there."

Against Cornell, the foil, epee and sabre squads all lost, 4-5, 2-7, 2-7, respectively. Coach Oles was dissatisfied by the outcome of the match.

Cornell had better fencers than Army, so automatically we fenced better.

"We were nowhere near where we

needed to be. We expected more from sabre, sabre was their weakest weapon and we knew that. The foils were probably the best of our three squads." Mandke added, "The foils weren't as good as it could have been. We knew Cornell had a strong epee squad but we should have won a couple more."

With more practice and experience the team can only get better.

"Our biggest problem this weekend was that we had bad starts each meet. We were always down after the first round. It is mentally draining to always have to battle back. We did it for the first game but the other two teams were too good. Army bullied their way through us and Cornell just had too much experience, we weren't ready for that level of competition." Coach Oles was quick to add, "These meets give our guys more experience, but it's certainly not pleasant to lose."

This weekend the team looks to improve its in conference record to 11-3 as they travel to Drew to play their last three MAC meets against Drew, Lafayette and New Jersey Institute of Technology.

Though these teams are slightly weaker than last weeks opponents were, Oles was cautious against being too over-confident.

"These teams are more on a scale of Haverford. If we let up, we'll lose. We don't know much about New Jersey Institute of Technology, but we should beat them. Lafayette we have to be very careful against. Drew has a strong sabre squad so we shouldn't take them lightly either. Our team is coming along but not as fast as I would like. We need to step up our game." Mandke added, "This weekend will be a fight but we should beat them, we're quite capable of picking up our game."

The women's fencing team (record 18-9) lost all three of their matches last weekend to Division I schools Harvard, Temple and University of Pennsylvania (12-15, 10-17 and 10-17 respectively). Akemi Miller, freshman foil, was quick to put the matches into perspective.

"We've been on a winning streak for awhile so losing three was a little tough. But this weekend we faced some tough competition, all the teams were Division I."

The loss to University of Pennsylvania was expected, given their top 10 nationwide ranking. However, Miller expected to keep the match closer with Temple, another high ranked

team.

"I think Coach was a little disappointed with the Temple bout. He didn't say we could or couldn't beat them but I think we could have beaten them."

The team lost a close match to Harvard. The superb squad of Harvard foils blanked the Hopkins foils 9-0.

However, the strong Hopkins sabres kept the game close. Miller explained that the novelty of women's sabre is the reason behind the success of the JHU sabres, which played marvelously against Harvard and throughout the meet.

"Women's sabre is only two years old so we don't have the disadvantage of lack of experience. Harvard was around our level. Harvard had a strong foil and blanked us there. If somehow we could have scraped together just two more wins, we would have had the game. It was really close."

WOMEN'S FENCING		
HOME	Harvard	15
VISITOR	Hopkins	12
HOME	Temple	17
VISITOR	Hopkins	10
HOME	University of Pennsylvania	17
VISITOR	Hopkins	10

Sophomore Sarah Walsh and Junior Jackie Harlow turned in an excellent performance. Each posted an 8-1 record on the day. This weekend the team is off, but during the weekend of the 25th, the team travels to Brandeis for the UAA Championships.

Among the teams that they will square off against is New York University, a team that in past years has given the Hopkins fencers troubles.

Miller was optimistic about the outlook of the meet.

"It should be a challenge, NYU is a very well rounded team, which is a significant advantage over having only one super squad. If we can beat them, we should win the whole thing."

JHU track & field team finishes second at the Six Way Challenge meet

BY MICHAEL G WORTLEY
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Last Saturday, track and field teams from Johns Hopkins, Swarthmore, Widener, Mary Washington, Ursinus and Lebanon Valley came together at Swarthmore College for the annual Six Way Challenge.

Runners from Loyola and Bryn Mawr were also present in small numbers, but with scoring only to six places the competition for points was ferocious.

But ferocious competition hasn't been a problem for the Blue Jays this year.

Over the course of the indoor season they have been very aggressive, and it was not a surprise to see both the men and women's teams finish the regular season with strong performances.

The women finished the meet in second place with 70.5 points, getting a big jump on conference rivals Swarthmore with 55 points.

Mary Washington College won the meet with 95 points.

The Lady Jays were strong in the field events.

Shot putter Jackie Evans improved her best throw to 34' 2", good enough to take second.

It was not a surprise to see both the men and women's teams finish the regular season with strong performances.

Also, Dana Haror's throw of 24' 7" earned her sixth place and earned a point for her team.

Meanwhile, Ashley Waters tied for fourth in the high jump (4' 6") and placed second in the pole vault, improving her best vault to 6' 6".

Running events opened this week with the 5,000m run.

Finishing second for Hopkins was Stephanie Black with a time of 19:15. Black is only 15 seconds away from qualifying for the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship meet on March 4, which in the indoor 5k is only 0.6 seconds per lap!

In the other distance races, it was

a big day for Heather Relyea and Ly-Lan Wisler. In the 1500m run Relyea was fourth (5:05.6) and Wisler sixth (5:14.3).

Wisler also tied for fifth in the 800m run (2:34.0) and ran a leg of the 4x400m relay. Relyea came back later to place fourth in the 3000m run (11:37.7).

Taking third for the Blue Jays in the 3k was Jennifer Schutz, whose time of 11:36.8 is a personal record by almost half a minute.

It was a successful day for the sprinters as well. Nikki Gross placed second in the 400m run (65.5 s), and Mary Anna Madeira had the team's only first place finish in the 55m hurdles (9.9 s).

Both runners also ran on the 4x400m relay team, which ended the meet by placing second in a close race with the team from Widener College.

The men also finished their meet in second place with 88 points.

Ursinus College was third with 43 points, but it was Mary Washington that ran away with the meet, scoring 177.5 points.

In the field events, shot putter Levon Lloyd placed fourth (39' 6").

Quinlan Amos took second in the long jump, improving to 20' 10", while team co-captain Victor Lee earned sixth place (18' 11.5").

Lee also placed third in the triple jump (38' 0").

In the high jump, Rajeev Mahajan tied for second (5' 10").

But it was the Johns Hopkins pole vaulting machine that once again did the most damage.

Brian Nichols won the event (12' 6") and Keith Florence tied for second (11' 6"). Expect to see these two (and perhaps even more Blue Jays) listed among the top performers at the Centennial Conference indoor championships on February 25 and 26.

In the 5000m run, Matt Wisnioski finished second with a time of 16:16.7, the quickest 5k for a Blue Jay this season.

Wisnioski has been the all-purpose runner for the team this season, performing strongly at every distance from 800m to 5000m.

In the other distance events, Susumu Miura placed sixth in a very tight 1500m race (4:17.5).

Miura was also sixth in the 3000m run (9:29.2), while Jim Lancaster was third (9:20.6).

John Apperson, in what may have been the most exciting race of the day, was narrowly defeated by an MWC runner in the 800m run.

His second place time of 2:00.9 is far and away the fastest on the Hopkins squad, and may also get him a great starting position at the conference championships.

Co-captain Jay Barry tied for fifth in the same race (2:04.8).

In the 400m run, Pat Gahan and Brad Everett tied for sixth place (54.6 s).

But it was the Johns Hopkins pole vaulting machine that once again did the most damage.

The two runners were in different heats, making this tie even more of a statistical anomaly.

Gahan and Everett were also members of 4x400m relay team, which closed the meet with a second place finish.

In the 55m dash, the team of Amos and Lee were back at it.

Amos tied a runner from MWC for fourth (6.8 s) and Lee tied a runner from Widener for sixth (6.9 s).

Amos also tied for second in the 200m dash with a performance of 23.3 seconds. This is not only notable for the bizarre number of ties, but also because Amos is now qualified to compete in the 200m at the ECAC championships in three weeks.

This meet, as well as other recent performances, has both team members and coaches excited and looking forward to next week's conference championship meet.

"I think that our team performance at Swat was evidence of the team finally competing at the level of the talent and potential individual members have," said co-captain Lee, who added that he feels assured of a strong performance at Centennials.

Co-captain Barry agrees.

"Beating Swat at their own facility was very satisfying, and I hope last weekend's performances leave us focused for our ultimate goal—a top three finish at Conference's."

The track and field team will take this weekend off from competition to prepare for next week's all-important championship meet.

Look here next week for words from the coaches and an in-depth look at the Centennial Conference.

Table tennis takes title

BY KHOI THAN
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

On Saturday, January 29, the Johns Hopkins University Table Tennis Teams had their first intercollegiate meet at the New Jersey Table Tennis Club in Westfield, New Jersey. Other schools participating in this Mid-Atlantic Division meet included the University of Pennsylvania, Princeton University, Rutgers University and the Stevens Institute of Technology.

The JHU varsity team performed spectacularly. Finishing first in a field of eight teams (some schools brought more than one team; in fact, Hopkins brought three), they won each team match by an average score of 4.43 to 0.57! When statistics were computed after the competition, Hopkins varsity members were the best individual per-

formers in the #1 (Richard Lee), #2 (Heng-Chuan Kan), and #3 (Victor Yeung) singles spots. As Captain Lee said afterwards, "It was too easy. I hope we continue to dominate the other teams the way we did today."

Freshman Mark Jones, a third-team member, expressed a slightly different point of view. "Coming into the meet, we thought all three of our teams would come and trash all of the others."

Representing Hopkins' three teams were: postdoctoral fellow Heng-Chuan Kan; graduate students Zachary Sng, Xiaofeng Tan and Lingxiang Ye; seniors Richard Lee and David Norris; junior Victor Yeung; sophomores Mark Choi and Krishmin Rai; and freshmen Joey Chau, Mark Jones and Khoi Than.

Final standings for the meet were: Johns Hopkins University I, Univer-

sity of Pennsylvania, Rutgers University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Princeton University I, Johns Hopkins University II, Princeton University II, and Johns Hopkins University III.

Hopkins will host the second and final Mid-Atlantic meet on Saturday, March 11, in the Athletic Center Back Gym. (All spectators are welcome!) There, our varsity team hopes to wrap up the division title and begin preparations for the National Collegiate Table Tennis Association Team Championship scheduled for Sunday, April 2, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

For more information regarding the table tennis club and/or team, e-mail kthan@jhu.edu or check out the club web site at <http://jhunix.hcf.jhu.edu/~jhttc>.

SPORTS

Reflecting upon those preseason expectations

It is becoming increasingly obvious to me that I underestimated some basketball teams at the beginning of the season, and, perhaps, had excessive expectations for others.

The order of the teams in the Top 25 gets shuffled every week, but there are a few teams that have surprised me by remaining ahead of the pack throughout the season.

I will readily admit that I never expected Cincinnati to accumulate more weeks than anyone else in the top spot.

I have only seen them play once, near the beginning of the season, and they came off as talented but flashy.

I didn't think they were fundamentally sound enough to stay in first place for more than a week or two, and after their loss to Louisville (to date, their only loss of the year,) I didn't think they'd ever climb back up.

But they regained their number one position, and have no intention of letting it go.

The Bearcats are a deep team, Kenyon Martin is unbelievably dominant, and now I see why UConn recruited Dermarr Johnson so heavily.

But they do play in Conference USA, not the strongest conference in the world...

It's a good thing I decided not to literally hold my breath until Stanford fell out of the top ten. They have been a solid number two team this year, just dismantling the rest of the Pac-10.

Leading the country in field goal defense is a good way to win a lot of games. And they were forced to play eight games without their star, Mark Madsen.

Keep an eye on Casey Jacobsen, one of the country's top freshmen and soon to be one of the top overall players; he's leading the team in scoring.

When Duke lost Elton Brand, Will Avery and Trajan Langdon to the NBA, I figured their days of ACC dominance were over, at least for this



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year.

Not only are they the top team in their conference, they are ranked third in the country. The McDonald's All-America factory in Durham, NC was somehow able to compensate for the loss of those top players.

Though they did suffer their first conference loss in 32 games to Maryland, they bounced right back and put Georgia Tech in their place.

So far, they have not suffered for their lack of depth or their youth. That combination is a recipe for a

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disaster, come tournament time, though.

So those are the teams that are performing better than I expected. There have also been some teams that

aren't quite living up to their preseason billing. As much as it pains me to acknowledge this, the University of Connecticut seems to have fallen from their lofty perch.

I just can't figure these guys out. Despite a breakout year from senior center Jake Voskuhl (yes, I know, it's about time), who has dramatically increased his NBA stock, this team is missing something right now.

To the casual observer, it would seem that their offense is lacking the direction provided by last year by the smooth-shooting Richard Hamilton.

But Khalid El-Amin took over that offense from the day he arrived on campus; that's not the problem. What they don't have is the defensive intensity that was led by the one and only Ricky Moore.

Their defense is just not as solid as it was last year, and they look lost at times without Ricky leading the charge.

But they resembled the UConn of old Monday at Seton Hall, holding the Pirates to 34 percent shooting from the floor. Now that they've realized that defense is the key to their games (and not getting your face on Sportscenter, Khalid), they will be very tough.

Voskuhl (whose breathtaking likeness now adorns my wall), is a huge part of that defensive effort; he's been consistent all year. Even if they don't improve in the standings significantly and end up with a four seed in the NCAA tournament, would you want to be the one seed having to face UConn in the Sweet Sixteen?

Yeah, I didn't think so.

Oh, and the Moron of the Week Award goes to Minnesota's sophomore center Joel Przybilla, who just last week was the Big Ten Player of the Week. Przybilla was suspended indefinitely from the team for failing to meet academic requirements.

Come on, Joel, you couldn't meet MINNESOTA'S academic standards?

We all know how easy it is to get someone to do your homework for you there!

Did Vince just do that, or was it all a dream?

If you didn't watch All-Star Weekend, then SHAME ON YOU!!! And don't give me those lame excuses like I had to study, or I didn't have cable, or I was busy doing something else. You just missed perhaps the best display of power, grace, showmanship, and style. And these shows come once in a lifetime, if you're lucky.

My friends Stan and John have cable at their place. They were kind enough to invite me over to watch All-Star Saturday with them. And I jumped at the chance because I wanted to see one thing: a human being fly again.

The 2-ball competition and the three-point shootout came and went.

I wasn't too excited, except for the fact that Dirk, my main man, was doing pretty well at the shootout competition.

How can you go wrong with a name like Dirk?

Here's a 7-footer who was outshooting the likes of Jeff Hornacek, Allen Iverson, Mike Bibby and Terry Porter.

But Dirk lost in the final round. And I was in a bad mood. And to add to my hurt, Stan told me that Vince wasn't going to compete in the slam dunk contest. He had heard it from another guy. I was shocked,

For [Vince Carter's] final act, he took off from a step inside the free throw line and dunked it, with two hands. Dr. J and Jordan did it with one hand. Vince did it with two.

and all of a sudden, the All-Star Saturday competition lost its appeal to me.

I was contemplating going home when, suddenly, I saw Vince warming up. Good, I thought. Finally, the main event...

First up was Larry Hughes, the high-flying shooting guard of the Philadelphia 76ers.

His first attempt was an alley-oop-off-the-floor for a reverse which rimmed out.

It was a good attempt, and I was pretty impressed. Then came Tracy McGrady, who threw down a sick double-pump reverse that got me screaming from the sofa.

I thought that was the best dunk I've ever seen when Steve Francis came with an alley-oop-off-the-floor one-handed tomahawk jam that made me jump from my seat.

If you take a look at the replay of



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that dunk, Steve loses the handle of the basketball in midair, because he as pretty small hands compared to the other dunkers.

But he still had so much air that he guided the ball in with his wrist. The man jumped 40 inches for that dunk.

It was amazing. I was beginning to think that Vince had some competition in this contest when he came onto the floor with that look. It's confident, cocky, yet very determined and undetected.

He looked up at the rim, measuring it, eyeing it, and daring it. He was daring the rim to stop him. It was the most intense look since...well...since Jordan.

He came down from the left side of the court, did a 360, and windmilled it in for one of the most awesome and most powerful dunks I've ever seen.

Shaq's reaction, as he was taping the contest, said it all. It was the best dunk since the days of Dominique.

From then on, the contest was a blur for me.

The two contestants after Vince, Jerry Stackhouse and Ricky Davis, are good dunkers who just seemed to be ordinary because they were right behind Carter.

Steve threw down some sick dunks, including a double pump tomahawk off the floor, and T-Mac threw down a few, namely the two-handed windmill off a pass from Vince.

And I guarantee that if Vince weren't competing, one of these two would have won.

But Vince came back with a 180 windmill from the baseline to wow the crowd again. And for his third dunk in the first round, Vince went for a kill.

Later, he would say that he thought of the dunk moments before. He had Tracy bounce the ball near the basket.

Vince went up, caught the ball in midair, put it through his legs, for the greatest dunk in the history of this competition.

The fans got up, the players got up, and I got up from the sofa in

ecstasy. Kenny Smith, one of the announcers for TNT and a judge for the competition, yelled, "It's over, baby. It's over."

Vince looked at the camera and mouthed, "it's over." And folks, it was over after that.

The final round was just a formality, to give the people a little more, sort of like an encore.

Vince jammed the ball hard, and hung by his elbow.

If you didn't get that the first time, let me say it again. He hung by his elbow.

For his final act, he took off from a step inside the free throw line and dunked it, with two hands. Dr. J and Jordan did it with one hand. Vince did it with two.

Sure, there were other things that happened during All-Star Weekend.

The All-Star game itself wasn't that bad. There were plenty of great passes, dunks, and memorable moments. The East managed to keep up with the West, even though the West had one of the most formidable starting frontline in the history of the All-Star game, with Shaq, Duncan and Garnett.

But the All-Star Weekend will forever be remembered by Vince. Not many people can live up to the hype, and exceed it. Chamberlain

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did. Jordan did. Dr. J did.

And now, Vince has.

Vince Carter surpassed all our imagination and showed us once again what it looks like for a man to defy logic.

He took us on a trip down memory lane, causing us to compare him to the likes of Jordan, Dominique, Dr. J, the greatest dunkers ever.

He gave us a glimpse of a future, where he would carry the torch of the greatest showman in the NBA, and hopefully, the next ambassador to carry to torch.

Vince showed us that there's plenty more for us to expect, and on that memorable weekend, he gave us a subtle message. Vince Carter has arrived.

It's over, baby. It's over.

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Senior Night a success as the Blue Jays destroy opponents

Avenging earlier loss, JHU dumps Dickinson using potent offense and stingy defense

BY DAVID POLLACK

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Johns Hopkins basketball team won two games this past week, beating Dickinson 81-59 on Senior night last Saturday and triumphing over Swarthmore 73-49 last Wednesday.

Nino Vanin, a senior being honored at the game last Saturday, scored a game-high 17 points, including four during an 11-2 run to close the first half, to lead host Johns Hopkins to an 81-59 win over Dickinson.

"Because it was Senior night and Alumni night it was important for all the seniors to come out and play hard," Vanin said following the contest.

"We did that and I think it rubbed off on everyone else."

Hopkins led 33-25 with five minutes to play in the first half when a Vanin putback started the spurt that gave the Blue Jays control of the game.

Vanin added a layup and senior Josh Pahys made four free throws to help Hopkins extend to a 44-27 half-time lead.



FILE PHOTO

JHU Basketball powered through both its opponents this past week.

second half as the team pushed its lead to 21.

Though Dickinson closed the gap slightly midway through the half, they would not get closer than 14 points.

Freshman Steve Adams scored six straight for the Blue Jays during another 11-2 run and senior Pablo Koropecy added a three-pointer to put Hopkins up 71-47.

The win was especially important after the team lost at Dickinson earlier this year.

"There was a definitely a revenge factor there," Vanin said. "But we weren't thinking about that factor so much. It was more important

to win a game that we had to have. I think we're now playing the way we have known we could all year." Vanin added that the team is "peaking at the right time."

Sophomore Matthew Eisley added 10 points in the win for Hopkins.

In the week's other contest, Hopkins scored 15 of its first 23 points on five three-pointers, including three by Vanin.

This barrage of long-distance points opened up a 23-11 first-half lead and allowed Hopkins to cruise to a 73-49 win over another Centennial Conference team in Swarthmore.

Four players scored in double-figures for the Blue Jays, who led by as many as 26 en route to their fourth straight win.

Eisley scored the Blue Jays' first four points inside before Vanin accounted for nine of the Blue Jays' next 11 points as Hopkins jumped ahead 23-11 near the close of the first half.

"Matt gets a lot of really good looks," Vanin said of one of the team's major inside threats. "He's a strong kid and he's only going to get better. Our inside game is always what we want to start with, so its important that he contributes as much as he does."

Sophomore Brian Cosgrove added eight first-half points to propel the Blue Jays to a 35-22 lead at the break.

Swarthmore pulled to within 10 on a three-pointer to open the second half, but Hopkins scored the next eight points to regain control.

Eisley and Peoples scored eight points each in the second frame as the Blue Jays eventually extended to a 70-44 lead late in the game.

Vanin, Eisley, and Adams led Johns Hopkins with 12 points each.

Not all of the Hopkins attack was centered on scoring, however. Senior Jake Stroman set a new career-high with 10 assists.

Standing a game back of Franklin & Marshall in the Centennial Conference's West Division, the Blue Jays close out their regular-season schedule with a Wednesday-night game against Western Maryland and a pivotal game at F&M on Saturday.

Commenting on his personal and team aspirations, Vanin said that there is "a lot at stake on Saturday night. It will be important for our position in the league." He went on, "it might be my last game against them."



FILE PHOTO

Men's and women's swimming both finished second to host Emory.

Swimming takes Second at UAA

BY CARA GITLIN

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Both the Johns Hopkins University men's and women's swimming teams placed second at the UAA Championships, with host Emory taking both the men's and women's titles.

Although neither of the JHU teams finished first, they walked away with quite a few individual awards.

Freshman Steph Harbeson was named UAA Women's Swimmer of the Year after winning three individual races at the championships and being a member of two winning relay teams.

Harbeson is the third JHU swimmer to win this award. She set JHU and UAA records in three events over the weekend.

Her first-place finishes were in the 200 free (1:54.40), the 500 free (5:00.36), and the 1650 free (17:11.74). Harbeson beat her own time in the 1650 free by nearly nine seconds and broke the UAA mark by nearly 22 Seconds.

She shattered the JHU mark in the 500 free by seven seconds.

Harbeson was also a member of the winning 400 medley and 800 free relay teams, both of which set JHU and UAA records. In addition, Harbeson swam on the second-place 200 free relay team, which set a school record, and the second-place 400 free relay team, which tied a school record.

Sophomore Krissy Brinsley, last year's UAA Co-swimmer of the Year, won three individual events at the championships. Brinsley has now won six events in her two years of competition. She posted NCAA qualifying times in all of her three wins, and she set two UAA records. Her times in the 100 back (58.74) and the 200 back (2:06.45) were both UAA records.

She also won the 200 IM (2:09.40). Brinsley joined Harbeson on the winning 400 medley and 800 free relay teams and second-place 200 and 400 free relays.

The men also got a big performance from one of their freshman swimmers. Scott Armstrong placed first in two individual events, the 500 free (4:33.87) and the 1650 free (15:52.46), both NCAA "A" qualifying times.

His time in the 1650 free set a UAA record. Armstrong came in third in the 400 IM (4:07.84), good enough to be an NCAA "B" qualifying time. He also swam on the second-place 800 free relay team. Freshman Justin Brannock won the 100 free (47.04) and placed second in the 200 free (1:42.50).

Junior Kamal Masud placed second in the 200 fly with an NCAA "B" qualifying time of 1:54.08. In addition, in accumulating 55 points for the team, he finished fifth in the 100 fly (51.34) and seventh in the 200 IM (1:57.50).

Senior co-captain Emmanuel Job finished second in the 100 fly (50.86), and also placed fifth in the 200 IM (1:56.70) and seventh in the 200 fly (1:58.89).

Two of Job's times, the 100 fly and

the 200 IM, were good enough to be NCAA "B" qualifying times.

Senior co-captain Luke Schroeder had three finishes in the top ten. He placed fourth in the 200 breast with a time of 2:10.25.

He also finished fifth in the 100 breast (59.49) and tenth in the 50 free (21.79).

Schroeder was also a member of two relays that posted NCAA "B" qualifying times, the first-place 400 free relay team (3:07.11) and the third-place 200 free relay team (1:25.38).

Back on the women's side, freshman Theda Benja-Athon won the 400 IM with a time of 4:32.95 and set both the JHU and the UAA record; this was an NCAA "A" qualifying time. She also placed third in the 200 free with an NCAA "B" qualifying time of 1:56.65 and fourth in the 100 free (54.47).

Sophomore Brittany Turner, last year's UAA Co-swimmer of the Year along with Brinsley, racked up three NCAA "B" qualifying times over the weekend.

Turner placed second in both the 100 breast (1:07.58) and the 200 breast (2:27.44) and added a third-place finish in the 200 IM (2:11.27).

Junior Kristoffer Lewis won both the 1 meter and 3 meter diving competitions, earning the Male Diver of the Year Award. His score on the one-meter dive, 463.45, was over 40 points better than the second place finish; Lewis also beat the same diver by 25 points in the three-meter dive.

This is the second time that Lewis has been named Diver of the Year; he also won the award in 1998 as a freshman. He is the very first Johns Hopkins diver and just the third in UAA history to be named Diver of the Year twice.

Lewis contributed 48 points to the men's team total. Junior Lindsay Collins placed 2nd on the 1 meter and third on 3 meter.

Collins beat her own school record on 3 meter and made NCAA qualifying scores in both events. Junior Sabina Rogers placed 7th on 1 meter and fourth on 3 meter, making an NCAA qualifying score in the 3 meter competition.

In all, the Hopkins female divers contributed almost 100 points to the women's Head Coach George Kennedy and his staff, Jim Cutrone, Jessica Klotz, and Janine Landau, were named UAA Men's Coaching Staff of the Year.

This is the eighth time Kennedy and his staff have been honored with this award, the last time being 1997.

The teams went into the weekend "thinking we could do exceptional things," said Turner. "The best thing was not just our performance but the way we handled ourselves," Turner added.

The Emory team was "definitely arrogant," said Turner; the team and the pro-Emory crowd were sporting tasteless t-shirts and waving banners with derogatory slogans.

"We may have lost," said Turner, "but we lost with our class, dignity and pride still intact."

Women's basketball wins 29th straight against conference foes

COURTESY OF SPORTS INFORMATION

The Johns Hopkins University women's basketball team went 2-0 last week, to extend its regular season home winning streak to 29 games against Centennial Conference opponents.

The Blue Jays defeated Swarthmore on Wednesday, 51-42, and Dickinson on Saturday, 82-55.

The Blue Jays' record stands at 17-5 overall and 9-2 in the Centennial. JHU rounds out the Centennial Conference schedule this week on the road against Western Maryland (Wed. - 6 p.m.) and Franklin & Marshall (Sat. - 4 p.m.).

Under head coach Nancy Blank's guidance, Johns Hopkins has posted five straight 20-win seasons, made five straight trips to the NCAA Tournament, including back-to-back Elite Eight appearances in 1997 & 1998, and captured two Centennial Conference Championships ('96 & '99).

Overall, Blank has a 342-199 (.632) record in 22 years of collegiate coaching.

Against Swarthmore Jennifer Butterwei came off the bench to score a game-high 11 points and grab a career-high seven rebounds in leading Johns Hopkins over Swarthmore, 51-42, in a Centennial Conference game Wednesday night.

The win snaps a two-game losing streak and extends the Blue Jays home regular season winning streak against Centennial Conference opponents to 28 games.

JHU jumped out early leading by nine points with 12:12 remaining in the first half, but Swarthmore responded with a 14-6 run to pull within one point at 19-18.

The Blue Jays went into the half



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Women's basketball snapped a two-game losing skid and extended their home winning streak last week.

leading by four, 24-20. In the second half the two teams traded baskets for the first 15 minutes, when JHU went on an 8-0 run over the next two minutes to take an 11-point lead and seal the victory.

Senior Marjahna Segers (Hempstead, NY/Long Island Lutheran) scored nine points and grabbed a game-high 14 rebounds and Leslie Ritter added nine points and four assists.

The Blue Jays out-rebounded Swarthmore 49-34 and forced the Garnet Tide into 25 turnovers.

Heather Kile led Swarthmore with nine points and seven rebounds and Heather Marandola added nine points in the loss.

Against Dickinson, Senior Leslie Ritter scored a game-high 15 points, dished out eight assists, and grabbed six rebounds to lead the Johns Hop-

kins women's basketball team to an 82-55 victory over Dickinson on Sat-

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL		
HOME	Dickinson	55
VISITOR	Hopkins	82
HOME	Swarthmore	42
VISITOR	Hopkins	51

urday.

The Blue Jays opened up a 25-22 lead with 6:13 remaining in the first half and ended the half on a 16-3 run

to lead 41-25 at the break.

Ritter scored nine of her 15 points in the first half. In the second half, Dickinson cut the lead to 14 at 57-43 with 9:36 left.

Hopkins responded with a 12-0 run on two three-pointers by Ritter and two three-point plays by freshman Jennifer Dearborn to put the game out of reach.

Senior Marjahna Segers recorded her 11th double-double of the season with 13 points and 12 rebounds.

Dearborn rounded out the scorers in double figures with 10 points on 4-of-4 shooting.

The Blue Jays shot 43.8 (32-of-73) percent from the field and out-rebounded the Red Devils 49-42.

The win extends JHU's regular season home unbeaten streak against Centennial Conference opponents to 29 games.

The B Section

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Quote
of the Week

"And therein lies the beauty of Tommy Lee, a manchild of nerves, guts and contradictions."

—Link magazine



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Cloth & cool people at the BMA

One student reflects on working with real people in the textile department of the prestigious Baltimore Museum of Art

Like many other Hopkins students, I have a job. Unlike many other people I know, I like my job. I guess I'm one of the lucky few, not only because I like where I work, but also because I'm a work-study kid. I'm guaranteed a job by the government. This means that I get preference when someplace university-affiliated is hiring. My par-

SHARON BRAUNE WORKING GIRL

ents and I have agreed that the money I earn should serve as my spending money with some of it going into my bank account. It's the money that's supposed to be used towards things like groceries, movies and the "occasional" restaurant. Somehow though, unbeknownst to my parents, mine always seems to end up in the hands of one of the MAC make-up girls.

While some might criticize me for spending my money on frivolous things like make-up I see it as a necessary expense. I have to look nice for my job. There's a dress code where I work, that states in more or less these words "no jeans, sweatpants, T-shirts, sneakers — Look professional". I don't have the dress code guidelines in front of me right now because I've long since thrown them out, but I know what the official and unofficial rules are.

You see, I work at the Baltimore Museum of Art.

I work with adults, some of them very wealthy adults, some of them not, but whether they are rich or poor they are all dressed like professionals. And, being that they work at an art museum, they all seem to dress exquisitely, especially in my department, the Textiles Department. So I don't like to come in looking like I've just spent the past three nights at the Hut. I like to come in wearing clothes that my bosses won't look down upon.

Before I begin to devote this article to how I like to dress and where I like to shop, I'll go back to the intended topic, working at the BMA. As I just stated, I work in Textiles.

Ok, so if you're like anyone else I've ever talked to, you're probably wondering what textiles are, right? I sure didn't know what they were until I got this job.

Textiles are tapestries, clothes, upholstery, wallpaper, rugs, quilts, fans, etc. They can be handmade or

machine made, painted or screened. They can be useful or decorative (they seem to prefer the decorative sort at the museum).

In my opinion, the textile department encompasses a lot more than most other departments at the museum. There's no Eighteenth Century European Textile Department. In our vault are pieces from the past few hundred years from places ranging from Japanese Buddhist temples to Andy Warhol's studio. Basically, we have a lot of stuff from a lot of places.

Now, I know that I'm saying "we" and acting very informal about working at a fairly prestigious institution,

but this is because that's how they treat me at the museum. I'm not looked upon as someone who comes in to do the annoying jobs like filing and then leaves.

My boss, the Associative Curator

of the pieces that are being studied in the department.

You see, the reason I love my job is because not only do I work at a very cool place, but because I work for two very cool people. My point with all of

this (aside from bragging about how lucky I am) is to tell you to go and find yourself a job that you like going to! If it coincidentally happens to look good on your

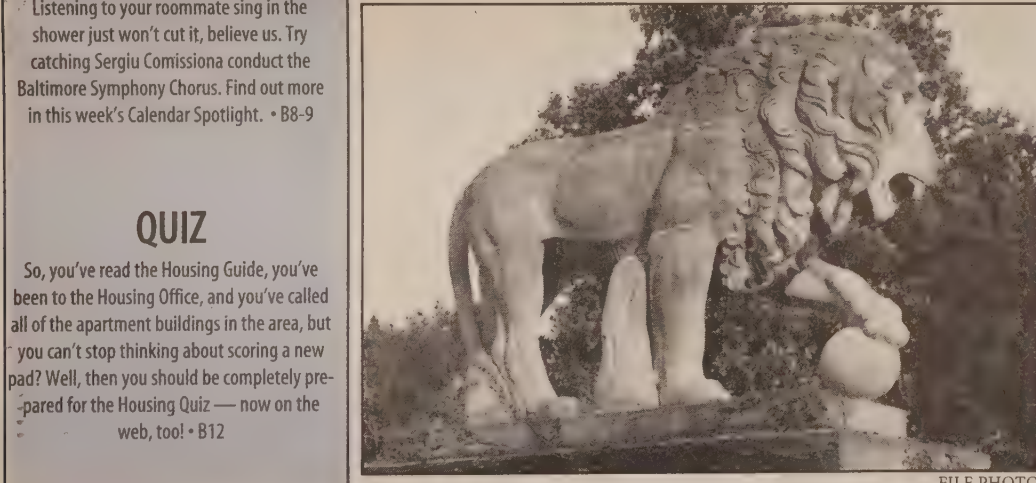
resume or has great benefits, then that's great, but don't let those be the determining factors.

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of Textiles, and her assistant feel badly when I have to spend the entire afternoon xeroxing and filing.

Most days, I assist in moving pieces from one place to another, folding pieces (which is nothing at all like folding your laundry!), and learning about



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The Baltimore Museum of Art provides more than attractive architecture, a restaurant and some pretty sculpture gardens. To a few lucky Hopkins students, it also gives a paycheck.

Richard Burgin and the virtue of being unpublished

The acclaimed author and editor of the literary magazine *Boulevard* reads from his work and advises young authors on how to get read, noticed and published.

BY PHIL ANDREWS
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Acclaimed author and *Boulevard* editor Richard Burgin spoke on Tuesday. He read a short story, "Miles," which everyone enjoyed. After some prompting, he gave advice to young authors submitting their work to literary magazines like his. I thought I got my way, but I wasn't sure. Maybe that's just the way he wanted it.

And that was the pace of his featured work that evening, a story about a man so confused and dispassionate that he never really knows what he wants — or worse, whether he really gets what he wants when he thinks he does. His main character, "Miles," rides an airport shuttle home, reflecting on how much he'd like to meet the driver. But her supervisor, also in the shuttle, badgers her so much that she pulls over and runs out of the vehicle.

What follows is a mixed-up series of events involving a prostitute-sister, gin and infinity. And never for one moment does Miles (or "Miles to Go," as his romantically involved partner calls him) know what he wants, or whether he's getting it already.

After the reading, Burgin responded to questions about how to most effectively submit work to one of the hundreds of

literary magazines across the country. He recommended a cover letter along with only one story or no more than three poems. By his own estimation, his magazine receives almost a hundred submissions a day, and he no doubt would ignore multiple submissions from the same author. How do you make your work stand out? Burgin was less revealing, but says that he looks for "anything that moves or touches me," and considers all forms and schools of fiction.

Except for avant garde, which he considers to be "a misconception of time," and that "no one will care in the year 3000 if your work was twenty years ahead of its time."

When asked about the content of the cover letter and what to do if you haven't been published before, he surprisingly said that being an unknown author is actually a virtue. "Editors are always looking for the next great author; it's what gets them off," he said, and proceeded to tell a story of when his agent once represented

him as unpublished to aid his chances.

Richard Burgin visited the Homewood campus as part of an ongoing series of lectures and readings presented by the Writing Seminars. The next featured writer is Tom Sleight, who will swing through campus on Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. He'll be reading in the Tudor and Stuart room, Gilman 323.



PHIL ANDREWS/NEWS-LETTER

JOBSFOCUS

It's all about being in the right place at the right time

Interning at *City Paper*, Baltimore's very own alternative weekly, provides a wealth of experience for one fledgling Writing Sems major

BY NATALYA MINKOVSKY
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

I had worked at the *City Paper* all of two times when I was approached to write this. My benevolent editor told me that I could wait until I had one more day of experience at the paper and then I had to get to work on the article. So, here I am, trying to figure out what to say after three days on the job. I should probably start out by explaining what the *City Paper* is, why I wanted to work there, and how I landed the opportunity. Then I can talk about what I have been doing in my three days at the paper. Yeah, that is what I am going to do. Here we go...

Most of you have probably seen the *City Paper* around campus. You can pick it up at various locations, including the Levering Desk and across from the security desk in McCoy. The *City Paper* is an alternative weekly newspaper that circulates in the Baltimore metropolitan area. The best things about the paper are the calendar of the week's events; coverage of the most interesting happenings in film, art, and music; and great journalism, often on controversial issues in Baltimore and beyond.

Going to high school in Baltimore City and living in Baltimore County, I relied on the *City Paper* to figure out what to do on the weekends. I could always find a concert, play or another

event to go to if I just flipped through the *City Paper*. Also, although I read the *Baltimore Sun* every day, my understanding of Baltimore came much more through the honest and uninhibited voice of the alternative press.

Having a newspaper internship always interested me. Unfortunately, as a Computer Science pre-med, I was supposed to stay focused on finding research. As soon as I knew that the science route wasn't right for me and changed my major to Writing Seminars, the thought of a journalism internship popped right back into my head. I didn't quite know where to start looking or how to go about it.

In the first week of spring semester, I went to see my advisor to set up a schedule after having dropped all of the classes I had been registered for. (Hooray, no more math!) My advisor is Stephen Dixon, who happens to be the professor in charge of internships. While I was in his office trying to figure out my life, he mentioned that right before I came in, the *City Paper* had called him, looking for interns for the semester. He then asked me if I was interested. Talk about being in the right place at the right time. Of course I was interested! I called the Editorial Assistant as soon as I got back to my room and went to meet with her a few days later. A week after I had talked to Professor Dixon, I was in the *City Paper* offices, fact-check-

ing articles.

So far, my duties as an editorial intern consist mostly of fact-checking. I also get to work on the calendar and write weekly highlights, which are articles that sum up an event in about 100 words. Once a week I get to work for the music writer, filing musicians' press photos and sending copies of reviews.

As I have learned in my three days of apprenticeship, fact-checking an article is not always thrilling. You have to highlight every verifiable fact in the story and then use various sources to make sure the writer's facts are correct. Sometimes this means calling a restaurant to verify a price. Other times it means searching the encyclopedia for the name of a British railroad engineer.

However, depending on the topic of the article, fact-checking can be entertaining. Any official source of

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information can be used to check an article. So, if an article is about a musician on Interscope Records, I can go to the Interscope website and mess around for a while until I find what I need. Flipping through *Rolling Stone* magazine, surfing the Internet Movie Database, or getting the latest scores from the Maryland Terrapins website are all valid options as well. Working for the music writer, I have gotten to call big-name New York record companies, even if it was just to ask for mailing addresses.

The first time the *City Paper* came out with my name in the masthead, I re-read all the articles that I had factchecked earlier that week. I

thought it was pretty neat knowing that if the article had a mistake, it was my fault. Most people would not see this as a cool thing, but to me the responsibility was new and exciting. Next week the paper will include my weekly highlight. It is only 100 words, but seeing it followed by my name will definitely be a good boost to my self-esteem. (Not that seeing my name in the internationally acclaimed *News-Letter* has not been exhilarating, of course.)

I'm workin' for the man every night and day ...

There aren't that many people who share my name. I'm not talking here about my vaunted first initial, but rather the name I've gone by for most of my life, my middle name. There just aren't that many Brendans, or at least there aren't that many famous ones. There's St. Brendan the Navigator, of course, who discovered America before even the Vikings made it over, and then there's the Irish playwright Brendan Behan, who was known for his raucous behavior in pubs and referred to himself as "a drinker with a writing problem." I've always liked that sobriquet, particularly in light of my own Writing Seminars major. But it sure can get expensive...

And that's what all of this has been leading up to. Regardless of what one's own personal expenses may consist of, the majority of us poor suffering students could use some help defraying them. The days of the penniless college student starving in a garret are gone, to be replaced with the modern professional student, who barely has time to go to class between jobs.

When I came here, my basic stance concerning jobs was that if I was going to have to get one of the blasted things after I graduated, I might as well give myself a break for four years and let the whole work thing slide for a while. On hearing this idea, my parents patiently but firmly explained to me that I would be getting a job as soon as possible. I believe their words were, "Brendan, you're going to get a job as soon as possible." So I went to the job fair, actually quite a marvelous institution. It's where I've gotten both the jobs I've held since I've been here. As I wandered among the stalls, however, I realized I had a handicap. Not being on work-study, prospective employers were a little leery of hiring someone whose wages would not be partially paid by the federal government. Don't get me wrong. It's an excellent program, but I think I

Working at the *City Paper* promises to be the most rewarding and practical thing I have done so far at Hopkins. Not only am I getting three credits but also I am gaining valuable experience in journalism. If I decide to write for a newspaper as a career, it would be for one similar to the *City Paper*. The internship will allow me to figure out if this is, indeed, what I want to do and if I have what it takes to do it. Another benefit to working for an alterna-

tive paper (besides occasional free movie and concert tickets) will be that if I prove myself, I will have the choice of writing other articles in addition to the 100 word highlights. If I have an idea for an article, I just might be able to write it for a newspaper that is read by my family, high school teachers and old friends who live in the Baltimore area. A scary thought, but then again, if I want to go through with this whole "writing thing" I better get used to it.



S. BRENDAN SHORT
PLACEBO EFFECT

found myself cursing its name that particular day.

Well, the long and the short of it is that I became a security dispatcher. You know, one of the people you talk to when you call for an escort van. I'd tell you all about the job, but I assigned that article to someone else. Suffice to say, it didn't fit in so well with my schedule, and I gradually moved on. Oh, and also, I wasn't very good at it.

Over the summer, I decided to try registering with a temp agency, at the suggestion of my parents. I think their words were, "Brendan, you're registering with a temp agency." And so I did, and lo, I received a job. I worked for three months or so for a title insurance company just outside of Manchester. Now, I have nothing against the insurance industry. Both of my parents work for an insurance company, so I suppose you could say that it's putting me through college. But still, it is kind of a weird, confusing, bureaucratic industry, and title insurance is the weirdest, most confusing, most bureaucratic division of it. It took me the greater part of my stint there to gain even an elemen-

tary understanding of just what exactly the company did. They tried to give me some pamphlets to explain, but I think they were written in a collaborative effort between the people who write computer manuals and some econ PhD's.

I usually only use my explanation of title insurance as a last resort in extracting confessions from drug traffickers, but as a courtesy to my faithful readers, I'll give it a whirl. Essentially what it does is insure the owner's claim to ownership of property, *not* the property itself. The title insurance company promises to pay any outstanding liens or back taxes that do not appear on the title. Apparently, this can amount to hundreds of thousands, even millions of dollars, and as the company sells only through agents (its sort of like franchising), they get merely a percentage of the premium. Thus, money enters in dribs and drabs, while having the potential to exit in large chunks. Sound confusing, bureaucratic, and faintly pointless? That's only the tip of the iceberg, my friends.

Fortunately, my job didn't really involve comprehending what the company did. It mostly involved answering the phone, making copies, and operating an antique microfiche machine. I was told that the sorts of people the company worked with were reluctant to change with the times.

Despite my near-total lack of comprehension of the job, they loved me there. Apparently, if you do what they ask you (and pay you) to do, show up for work on time, and are polite to your coworkers, it really impresses people. In other words, everything you need to know about the workplace you learned in kindergarten. I even found a former Hopkins student among my coworkers who told me how coveted the AMR's used to be as dorms. Times change. See the Housing Guide this week for details.



CHRIS LANGBEIN/NEWS-LETTER
Some find interning at the *City Paper* a "rewarding" experience.

Psych and a haircut ... two bits

So I'm your fairly typical college student, and this means that I never have money. During intersession, though, I discovered that there are degrees of being broke. I mean, there's just not having cash, which can be remedied by hitting up an ATM, and then there's not having money, which means you don't have enough to cover stopping at the ATM, writing checks for your phone bill, or getting a haircut.

When a female with short, fuzzy, wavy hair actually postpones a haircut because she can't pay for it, she's really broke. She also looks like a badly-vacuumed carpet, but this is beside the point. She can still get a job. Sure, your typical employer might be leery of a desperate ill-groomed college student who can only work when she isn't playing with chemicals in one of two different laboratories, but that's when your fluffy-headed female gets creative.

She starts doing psych experiments.

Yes, I know, it sounds ridiculous. Most students assume that psych experiments (or cog sci, neuroscience, or whatever else is out there) must be strange, possibly painful, experiences that could leave permanent damage. In reality, they're really not bad at all. Actually, my first paid experiment was really cool: a computer talked to me and I talked back. It was a cog sci experiment where I had to say certain Slavic words, either as accurately or

SHERYL KANE
PSYCHED OUT!

as poorly as possible. I got to pretend to be a spy for twenty minutes, and at the end I got five bucks.

Admittedly, five bucks here and there doesn't add up to much. But after that experiment, I started looking for others, and I stumbled across some long-term psych projects that seemed really worthwhile. Though thirteen one-hour sessions sounded daunting, the pay was better than what I could make by tutoring for the university (my job last semester), and there was a \$50 bonus for finishing all thirteen sessions. And, very importantly, I could go in at almost anytime, which meant I could schedule the experiment around both classes and my social life.

The first hour went pretty badly. I had to memorize pairs of words, then watch as a computer spat different pairs back at me. For each new pair, I had to decide if it was the same as a pair from the list, then respond "Y" or "Z" (yes or no, basically) within 300 milliseconds after a row of asterisks appeared. 300 milliseconds! I have a terrible memory and so-so reflexes; not surprisingly, I didn't do very well. But I was desperate, so I grimly scheduled another appointment and returned a few days later, faring only slightly better.

This continued for several sessions, and then things started to click. All of a sudden, I could actually remember most of the words on each list (and even some from the previous list, wonder of wonders) and I discovered the joy of jabbing the hell out of the computer keyboard in order to beat the time limit. My scores — and therefore my pay — began to climb, and I treated myself to dinner out, which was really why I needed money in the first place. At about \$8.50/session, I still wasn't earning enough to get that haircut, but it was better than nothing.

To my surprise, I kind of enjoyed the actual experiment; it's really interesting to try to make connections between completely random words like "center" and "alas." And there was also a free perk: both my short-term memory and my reflexes did seem to improve.

Right now, I'm just one session short of finishing the experiment and getting both the bonus and maybe even a new job. I haven't yet tested my improved memory, though I'll find out this week whether I'm any more capable of memorizing poetry now than I was last fall, when I demolished a lovely Shakespearean sonnet in front of my IFP class. Regardless, I've earned some spending money, made some rough contribution to science, and emerged relatively unscathed.

And, most importantly, I can get a haircut this weekend.

THE BURNING QUESTION

What's the best or worst job you've ever had?

"My worst job was when I worked in a clothing factory sweeping up the floors and carrying boxes and had no one to converse with."
—Steven Lipstein

(Worst) "Bussing tables"
—Safe Fecadu

"My worst job ever was in the library. I went once."
—Sam Spinner

(Best) "I was a day camp counselor for ten years."
—Aaron Shrager

(Best) "Working at the Gap"
—Phil Chiu

(Worst) "Busboy in a restaurant."
—Moky Cheung

(Worst) "Working at McDonald's."
—Danny Chow

(Best) "I worked at Corbin's and I got my nails done every week and my hair done for free."
—Christina Han

(Best) "Making snow cones at the pool."
—Ben Kail

(Worst) "Cancer research because it had nothing to do with cancer or research. I worked in the stock room"
—Anil Keni

(Worst) "I scooped cream cheese for two weeks and then I walked out on my shift."
—Karen Hirsch

(Worst) "I worked in a barn and shoveled shit"
—Liz Meltzer

(Worst) "Construction."
—Evan Koscin

(Best) "I worked in a video game store."
—Steve Stache

(Best) "Working as a summer camp counselor in Greece."
—Mario Monopolis

(Best) "Volunteering at a kids' summer camp"
—Tiffany Darabi

(Best) "I worked at the Agency for Health Care Research and that was best. I was an office clerk and we watched TV and hung around."
—Katie Reyter

(Best) "When I got paid for sixteen hours a week and worked for two."
—Dan Shupp

(Best) "Tutoring disadvantaged children from urban public schools. It was a privilege to help those who have not been given the advantages that many of us receive and take for granted."
—Jake Burma

(Best) "Volunteering for the Margaret Brent program for Hopkins. I got to teach fourth graders art history."
—Helen Bayer

(Worst) Cleaning toilets at a public beach."
—Eric Buchanan

(Worst) "I worked at Dunkin' Donuts and one week the trash collection didn't come and the State Inspectors were visiting. So they had me jump up and down in the dumpster to mash it down and I only got minimum wage."
—Jon Grassburgh

(Best) "The best job I ever had was with the wonderful people I work with now at the English department."
—Chris Langbein

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FEATURES

JHU seeks diversity

Rose Varner-Gaskins of OMSA describes struggles, successes



PATRICK DEEM JR./NEWS-LETTER

Rose Varner-Gaskins, of the Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs says that her passion is "issues of color and gender."

BY JILL RAFSON
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

While Hopkins boasts a very diverse student body, not everyone on campus has a great understanding of the issues that go along with this diversity. This is where the Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs comes in, making an effort to educate the Hopkins community, both students and faculty, on dealing with diversity.

Rose Varner-Gaskins, who has been with Hopkins for seven years after leaving a position as Foreign Student Advisor at George Washington University, serves as the Assistant Director of the Office of Multi-Cultural Student Affairs. She explained the office's mission as "promoting a campus community that fosters holistic development of American minorities: that is, African American, Latin American, Asian American, and Native American. We promote cultural pride and educate the community, and we support and teach. That is our charge from Homewood."

These teaching efforts are of great importance, and presentations made by or through the office are its main method of educating students. Varner-Gaskins explained, "We are often called into the dorms to do seminars and presentations on issues of diversity. We present at orientation and, during the spring semester, Residential Life calls us up for training of Resident Advisors."

In addition to educating Hopkins students, Varner-Gaskins and her fellow staff members are also responsible for presenting this same information to faculty. "The Dean calls us in, and we do seminars for his staff."

The office also has a Brown Bag Series that involves five special programs throughout the year that are based around a particular theme, such as "Where are we with affirmative action?" or "How does religion relate to diversity?"

Varner-Gaskins and the rest of the office, which boasts a staff of only four, take an office retreat at the end of each year. "We discuss what we need to do, what we need to change. We ask ourselves if there is a particular program that we need to take a step further."

Other special programs offered through the office, such as ... SEED, give the students themselves a chance to be educators. SEED (Students Educating and Empowering Diversity) is a group that was started two years ago and trains students to teach about diversity. These twelve students are often called upon by the community to do seminars for student organizations and for Homewood Student Affairs.

Another program that Varner-Gaskins believes to be of particular importance is Summer Scholars. "We

run this program for Latin and African American students, which are the smallest populations of people of color on campus. We were given a grant that allowed us to have this sort of early orientation program. They come in July and leave the first week of August, and it's really great for them to be able to meet like this," she stated.

For Varner-Gaskins, the programs that the office runs are as educational for her as they are for the students of faculty involved, mainly because she is so frequently surprised by the response that she receives during presentations. "When I first started in diversity, I believed that everyone was aware of the differences in what

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ASST. DIR. OF THE OFFICE
OF MULTI-CULTURAL
STUDENT AFFAIRS

people go through because of the color of their skin or because of gender issues. I am just amazed by the number of people who say that they're tired of hearing about these issues but who really don't have an understanding. They feel that these issues have been talked into the ground. When we're doing orientation seminars, I hear students say, 'We don't have these issues — our parents do.' But there is so little understanding, real understanding, of what the issues are. It's sad."

According to Varner-Gaskins, part of the problem lies in the education, or lack thereof, that students receive before reaching the Hopkins campus. "Schools are not teaching beyond Martin Luther King, Jr. There is so little history of this kind that is being taught side-by-side with European history, and people are essentially being mistaught. If these histories were taught at the same time, we would be wiser."

Of course, this lack of teaching and understanding is not easy to fix. "You'd think that it's simple, but because of racism, it's not," Varner-Gaskins noted. "People wonder why issues of diversity aren't clear. They are clear, but it's just because of the 'isms' that they are not taught to the

full extent."

Varner-Gaskins hopes that her office is making strides toward making students aware of the issues that have been ignored. "We have exercises that show the social barometer. Students go to different parts of the room based on their beliefs after we make a statement like, 'Affirmative action is no longer needed.' They hear different arguments and debate. As a presenter, I see that we end up having people teach each other."

Not every problem can be solved by a presentation, and Varner-Gaskins has faced many incidents in which students have come to her for help with a particularly difficult issue.

"Students will sometimes write down things that were said in class and can possibly show bias in the faculty. I once had two Asian American women come in and ask me how to change their professor's attitude. There were jokes told in their engineering class about women, and he would say, 'We shouldn't say this in mixed company, but it's okay because there are no women in engineering.' There were these two women in the class though, and I suggested that they talk to the professor and say, 'This is offensive to me.' Students don't realize the power they have. He showed real concern and apologized and asked for their forgiveness. The next week he said that there would be no more jokes about women in the class. It's empowering."

While not every problem is solved so easily, Varner-Gaskins feels that it is important to try for this success, which is why she loves her job. "I came not by choice but by passion," she commented.

"It chose me. My passion is issues of color and gender because of my own experience. I am a person of color first and a female second. My experience has been racism before genderism. Issues of diversity can be very stressful, but I have a passion for what I see when someone does get it. It's very positive when you see it."



CHRIS LANGBEIN/NEWS-LETTER

If you went to the Chinese New Year celebration, you could have won this beautiful teapot.

Xing nian kuai le!

Students celebrate the Chinese New Year with a dinner, dances

BY CHARLIE LORD
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

In Chinese culture, the dragon is a symbol of great emperors. So it was in an appropriately grand fashion that the Chinese Students Association (CSA) welcomed the Year of the Dragon last Friday night with a ten-course banquet for nearly 250 students and other guests, including President Brody and other members of the Hopkins and Baltimore communities.

Chinese pop music filtered through the Glass Pavilion as servers delivered 280 spring rolls, then plate after plate of Salt and Pepper Drumsticks, General Tso's Chicken, Green Pepper Pork and other dishes. Diners enjoyed one dish — Seafood Combination — with special relevance. According to CSA President Howard Jen, a senior originally from Taiwan, the Chinese word for "fish" is phonetically similar to the word for "savings." Thus fish is eaten on New Year's Eve in hopes of securing wealth.

Chinese believe the Year of the Dragon will bring good fortune, including, Jen says, academic success. Boys born during the year can expect wealth and power. Female dragons,

Boys born during the year can expect wealth and power. Female dragons, one source reports, are never without admirers.

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After dinner, eyes were lifted to the stage for a series of traditional dances, musical performances, an

original comic skit written and directed by CSA member Joan Chen, and a fashion showcase of costumes from different regions and eras of Chinese history. Red was the most prevalent color, as it is believed to ward off evil spirits. A demonstration by the Hopkins Kung Fu Club featured demonstrations of lightening-quick Wing Chun hand stabs, pressure point jabs to the jugular and behind the ear, and wood blocks split in two in a single strike by instructor Sifu Julian Sawyer's open palm.

As the banquet ended, CSA members twisted through the audience handing out *Hong Bao*, red pouches filled with chocolate coins. Chinese children receive real money in *Hong Bao*, a guaranteed increase in allowance for this New Year, No. 4698 on the Chinese Lunar Calendar.

Prizes were given out throughout the night, including artwork and gift certificates to local restaurants and stores.

That's right: Eat my Bush, George W.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but I thought that you had to be 35-years-old to become President of the United States. It's interesting that this hasn't been an issue so far in the presidential election because, as I figure it, Republican contender George W. Bush is only 13-years-old.

Hey, dipshit, you're probably saying, that dude looks like he's lived the 53 years he's claimed to.

Yes, a valid point, friends. But he hasn't.

It dawned on me during a lecture by Professor Walters in history class last week that W. is just barely a teenager. And he's even admitted it himself.

Last fall, the *Washington Post* ran a multi-part series about the life and times of W. — then the Republican front-runner.

The first article in the series describes that wild and crazy kid who was W. It begins, however, with a lovely description of how W. woke up one morning after a birthday party, hungover like a fool, realized that he needed to get his life together and figured it was time to start growing up.

W. was 40.

So, by his own admission, W. isn't old enough to run for president. Since his life began at 40, he's only 13 now and clearly not ready for so much responsibility.

He can't even drive yet. How can he run a country?

You're not buying this line of thinking, are you? That's okay. There's solid evidence to back up my claims.

Just look at W.'s behavior throughout the campaign. He's as much of a teenager as Christina Aguilera.

First of all, W. has insisted that nothing he did during his "wild youth" (all 40 years of it) counts. That makes it a simple matter of arithmetic: 53 minus 40 equals 13.



TOMGUTTING
FROM THE GUTT

Second, on the campaign trail, W. acts just like a brainwashed kid. His advisors give him something to read, and he does — just like a seventh or eighth grader will recite whatever his teacher tells him to.

And, just like a young, timid teen, if you make W. deviate from the script, he sounds like a babbling idiot.

To put it in rapper's terminology, W. can't freestyle.

That's a problem when W. is pitted against a man like John McCain, who believes things and is laid back on the national scene or when W. confronts well-educated, articulate men like Al Gore and Bill Bradley.

Clearly, W. doesn't care what the speeches say. He's like a greyhound bred for racing: They've dangled a carrot (the presidency) in front of him, so he will do whatever it takes to get to the finish line first.

Third, W. clearly still has a 13-year-old's attitude towards education.

Let's be frank. W. is no brain. And that's being generous. He could give Dan Quayle a run for his money.

In high school, he was the quintessential underachiever, but thanks to his famous politician daddy, he got into Yale — probably stealing a spot in the class from a poor or middle class kid who, had he been accepted

instead of W., would be a pillar of society today and not a high school janitor.

Once W. got to Yale, he was the classic drunk, wild frat boy and pulled straight C's. Yet, in spite of his ineptitude and poor attitude, he was accepted to Harvard Business School.

There he remained the classic rich boy fuck-off, and he slipped into obscurity like so many rich boys who can't hack it in spite of their families.

Sounds an awful lot like *Billy Madison*, doesn't it?

After his time at Yale and Harvard, where he took minimal advantage of opportunities he was lucky to have, W. hasn't done anything to educate

don't need no education. And nowhere has he shown a change in that attitude.

The fourth item on W.'s teenage sin list is also his greatest offense. I'm talking about his selfishness.

The only thing he's concerned about is bettering his own position in life. He couldn't care less about this country. He just wants to keep riding on Cloud-9 as a fortunate son and show the world that he tricked them all with a nauseating grin.

It's like W. thinks that, by becoming president, he can make up to his daddy all the years of being a rich boy fuck-up.

Isn't that the classic stereotype of teenagers?

They only care about themselves and want to be cool. Of course, our assumption is that when people grow up, they learn that such extreme selfishness is unacceptable.

W. hasn't figured that out. He's like a kid standing up there at the podium not wanting to offend anyone in order to advance his desire to be the cool kid in the class.

Don't you remember how much you hated those kids when you were a teenager? Don't you wish every day that you could go back and not help put those jackasses on a pedestal?

Now's your chance. So, I ask the people of South Carolina and across the country: Don't vote for a selfish, 13-year-old schmuck who would sell us out to the Red Chinese, Russians, special interests, communists, fascists and whoever else comes along and will cozy up to him.

W. will do that, mark my words. All he wants is to be that cool, popular, trend-setting kid who could always make us dress like M.C. Hammer because someone had arbitrarily decided he was cool.

So let's knock that smart-ass grin off W.'s face and send him the way of Vanilla Ice.

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PATRICK DEEM JR./NEWS-LETTER

Visiting One World Café: Eating lessons, veg-style

BY MATT O'BRIEN
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

You will not find meat at the One World Café, and you probably won't miss it either. One of the past year's newer editions to the growing group of small-scale chain stores and restaurants in Charles Village, One World Café has been a haven for some of those seeking occasional refuge from on-campus dining, especially for those who often find the vegetarian selection in Terrace and Wolman inadequate.

Located near the Doubletree Colonnade and just across the street from the Hopkins campus, One World Café features a variety of quality vegetarian and vegan items at reasonable prices. The cafe features a bar on the front side and a quiet lounge in the back. The atmosphere seems to struggle for some kind of down to earth artyness, with paintings for sale and cement ceilings, while it ends up a kind of standardized capitalist chic. Still, sometimes its nice to see someone like Macy Gray in place of ESPN on the television at the bar, and it beats the overkill decorations of some other local restaurants.

Unlike some of those genre chain restaurants which are popping up across the country, One World Café's food isn't already prepared, and the

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Approximate Price Range:
\$5.00-15.00

menu makes a point of saying so. It also makes a point to remind you why it is good to eat veggie burgers as opposed to the traditional type. If you don't mind being treated with the morality lesson, most of the food is well worth the wait.

For a brief moment upon opening the menu, it seems like Levering Market again. Not for long! The Café has Philly Cheese Steaks and burgers, but the steak strips here are really seipan and the burgers are, of course, of the ubiquitous "veggie" variety. There are a number of appetizers, including a yummy multi-colored nacho plate with a side option of chile. Some especially good items in the sandwich section are the Portabella mushroom sandwich and the black bean burrito. These dishes are superior to some of the blander items, such as the Powerhouse sandwich. All the portions are a good size, so nobody should leave hungry. There are also more elaborate and delicious-sounding entrees, although they are more expensive.

For vegetarians and vegans, One World Café offers a nice departure only a short walk from most apartments and dorms. For everyone else, it makes another nice option for good and non-expensive eating in the local community. As an added bonus, it won't leave you with the guilt of having increased the pollution caused by the overpopulation of cattle or other similar environmental disasters. Whew!

Hej, pass the bleach!

Our world traveler discovers laundry isn't fun in any language

Hej fellow Hopkinsites! Hvordan gor det? As you can see, my Danish vocabulary is slowly expanding. I can now ask how y'all are doing. Maybe by May, I'll learn something useful. I cannot believe it has been only a week since my last update, so much has happened. I guess that is one advantage of studying abroad: When the time flies, it is not because I've spent entire days in the MSE.

Classes finally started here on Thursday. As corny as it sounds, I think my classes are going to be cool.

But then they aren't Orgo or physics, for which I am eternally grateful. I am in DIS's marine biology and ecology program, which is a small intensive program that combines classwork, fieldwork, and field trips. I am taking the Marine Biology of Northern European Waters, Marine Ecology and Human Impact in the North and Baltic Seas, the Biology of Marine Mammals, and Bioethics and Biolaw. I almost took Introductory Danish as well, but I decided that I would prefer to have the free time. I'm wavering though, so by next week things may have changed.

The class schedule is different from Hopkins; classes are either Mon-Thurs or Tues-Fri with Wednesdays off. In my case, Wednesdays are reserved for field trips and other fun stuff. This week we are going to ICES, the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, which is headquartered in Copenhagen. Don't know what we're going to do there.

As it turned out, I did buy the right train pass, but my phone still doesn't work. Today I just did laundry for the first time. Just a warning for those of you who are planning to go to Europe anytime soon, the washers are small. And expensive. I spent 30 Kr (\$4.30) on washing two loads of laundry that would have fit into one McCoy washer and 25 min of



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Look really hard at this photo, and you just might find Ashley King.

drying just my jeans. However, there is a really nifty spinner dryer that doesn't use heat but spins the water out of clothes. I guess I'll be doing a lot of hand washing from now on. On balance, though, I think I am finally settled in.

On Tuesday I attended a traditional Danish dance, which consisted of a lot of polka-ing. There was also a

lion years! First off, the hot dog stands are much larger than American ones. They are more like ice cream trucks without the truck part. They are attached to small motor scooters so vendors can drive them home at the end of the day.

Then there was the efficiency. Two men in one stand fed 250 people hot dogs in less than 45 minutes.

And it wasn't one hot dog fits all, you could choose sizes, types, buns, toppings, etc. They had buns resembling hollowed-out baguettes and served everything from bacon bits to worcestershire sauce as toppings. I was amazed!

In general, orientation was fun, but not very orienting. For example, while watching a film about living with the Danes I learned that although both men and women are granted maternity leave, Danish women still have the exclusive right to bear children. Thank God. I also found out that one in three Danes would die of circulatory disease. I'm not sure that those tidbits will help me while I'm here, but maybe the QM will find them useful in next week's quiz.

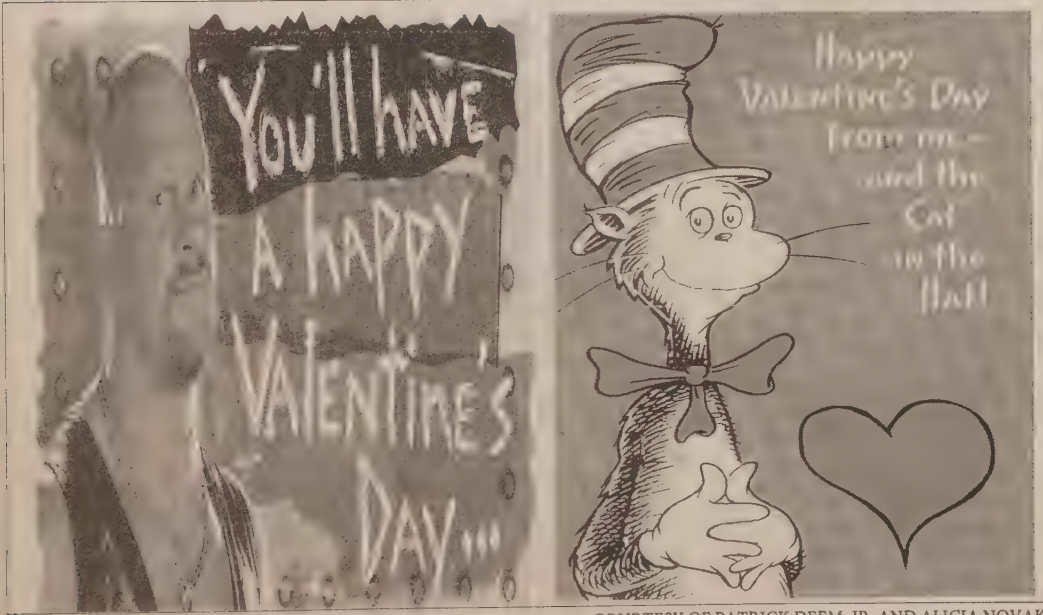
Alright, it's 11:30 p.m. here and people are just starting to stir for a Monday night block party, so I'll talk to you guys later. Hej, hej!

ASHLEY KING OUR WOMAN IN COPENHAGEN

lot of hand clapping, foot stomping, and confusion as our instructor did not speak English. I am not sure how close we got to the real thing but closer than most Danes because when I told a Dane on my block I was going Danish dancing he said, "There is traditional Danish dancing?" Well, whatever else it was, it was loads of fun!

Afterwards, we feasted on traditional Danish hot dogs from a traditional Danish hot dog vendor. Let me tell you, the best vendor in Manhattan couldn't match this guy in a mil-

On commercialism; or Why Valentine's Day was worthless



COURTESY OF PATRICK DEEM, JR. AND ALICIA NOVAK

The essence of St. Valentine's Day remains in the air and for some of us, its smell is more pungent than for others. Ironic in its own phraseology, St. Valentine's Day is a love/hate thing. As some like to say, nothing gets you right in the heart like St. Valentine's Day, except a 12-inch wooden stake and a mallet.

I personally am of the belief that St. Valentine's Day was invented long before we were born (approximately 30 years ago) when the powers that be, the masterminds that penned the book of love — the corporate heads of Hallmark, that is — got together

JACOB GILBERT POST-VALENTINE'S STRESS DISORDER

for their annual report and discovered a drastic decline in sales during the early spring period. After sitting around feeling depressed they each wrote corny generic "get well" cards to each other with corny sayings that somehow seemed so sincere to their individual situations. After a big group hug, they sought advice from those that truly know the secret to someone's heart, the corporate heads of Fannie May Candy. (Motto: Nothing says I love you like a Trinidad, and two milk chocolate Pixies) After a refreshing box of Meltaways, they decided the levels of human misery and depravity were not yet high enough and could withstand a larger dose of depression, thus St. Valentine's Day was invented.

February 14th was selected to cheer up those people still suffering from the let down of Punksutawney Phil's prognosis since only saps such as myself still gullible enough to plan their wardrobe around the meteorological expertise of an overweight rodent that spends the majority of his year underground watching reruns of General Hospital would ever place



COURTESY OF MIKE SCHWARTZ

Maybe you were lucky enough to receive one of these cards on V-Day.

any significance on a holiday like St. Valentine's Day. (Now go back and read that sentence one more time.)

Granted, St. Valentine's Day did not always involve this much blood-letting. I actually used to be a huge fan of it in fact. Who wouldn't support a holiday that encouraged the relentless donation of chocolate in large amounts? I yearn for the glory days of elementary school back in Mrs. Keith's class when, like bees spreading pollen, we would scamper about the classroom delivering individually addressed valentines (I always gave the Optimus Prime valentine to my crush) with Hershey Kisses or "fun size" candy bars taped to the outside. Then the room mothers would bring in oodles and oodles of baked goods. Drool. Sigh.

While we're on that subject, here's some food for thought (pun definitely

intended): What's the only other holiday that involves gratuitous presentation of candy? Okay, now that you know the answer, let it sink in ... yeah ... eerie isn't it? Merely a coincidence? Maybe that's what Satan would have you believe, but then again, isn't he portrayed as wearing all red? (Once again now, pause ... let it sink in ... yeah ... eerie isn't it? Gives a whole new meaning to the name Red Hots.)

Some might say I'm right, some might call me bitter, and some probably just won't call me. (Why, oh why?) But when addressing the question of love you're bound to get a mixed reaction and no matter how much we'd like to deny it, there are two truths to be faced: Milk chocolate clearly reigns supreme over dark chocolate and wooden stakes don't splinter when applied properly.

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HOT AT HOPKINS



PRESIDENTIAL LOVIN'

You know him, you love him. Dear old Zack Pack has sat atop the pinnacle of Hopkins politics for two years now and leaves behind a long trail of fine accomplishments. Just don't ask me to name any of them.

Somehow, this fine young specimen with a golden future remains without a lady friend to share his political glory. Zack, an Aries, seeks an smart, intelligent young woman who possesses the drive and energy to keep up with his go-go lifestyle.

Watch out, ladies: while Zachary does his clothes shopping at Wal-Mart and Target, he doesn't let his budget cramp his style. Any casual observer of StuCo events knows this is one sharp-dressed man. Potential mates must be prepared to match his fashion-sense as well as his acidic wit. Anyone who cites Troy McClure as his favorite cartoon must certainly have a wily sense of humor about him.

Clearly a well-cultured fellow, he lists *Citizen Kane* as his favorite film. Some might call it a presumptuous answer ... I'll call it an intellectual one, though, frankly, I don't even think it was Orson Welles' best work. But I digress. You can skip the *Deuce Bigalow / Waterboy* nonsense with this patron of the arts. If you can't bring it strong, don't bring it at all.

Of course, he isn't without his faults. He cites chronic lateness as his worst faults and admits to spending a bit too much time wandering "The Block." A self-proclaimed egomaniac, Zack recently had his advances turned down by none other than the First Daughter herself. (Who said beggars can't be choosers, huh?) Worse yet, he did bring us Taco Hell ... a most unforgivable sin.

Still, a few minor blemishes can't outshine this Hottie's bright spots. He may be without a lady for the moment, but such a catch will not do without for very long. Hurry up, ladies, before you miss your chance.



FARMER'S DAUGHTER

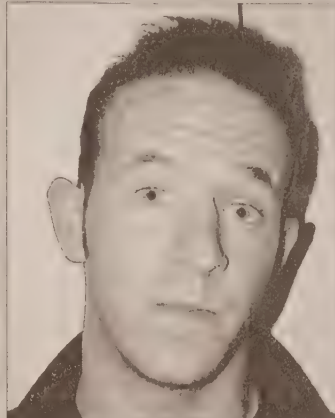
Remember that awesome girl next door? We all had someone like her in the neighborhood. Smart, funny, a great personality, and (shh, don't tell Mom) she was a total fox. Once we'd given up hope of seeing her again, we found her again right here at Hopkins. Blonde, blue-eyed Emily Petersen is exactly like the girl we all remember and, best of all, she's currently looking for her own dream date. Gentleman, can you sense the possibilities?

A fun-loving, energetic sophomore, Emily counts herself among our proud legion of pre-meds and, despite all the hard work, manages to stay well grounded in reality, keeping up a healthy social life as well. With the terrors of Orgo behind her, Emily enjoys whiling away the hours playing tennis, working out, reading (probably Neurosci textbooks), and when the weather improves, she's certain to be out on the Beach soaking in the rays.

She's also a young woman who knows exactly what she wants. Pay attention here, fellas. This is where y'all come in. Her ideal man must have a personality at least as charming as her own, a friendly attitude, and a fine sense of humor. Better still, he must be smart enough to help her with her Cell Bio homework, yet sensitive enough to know when she needs a break from the stress. You'd also better be man enough to approach this icon-to-be: Although it's not unheard of for her to chase an

occasional fellow, she prefers her men to make the first move. Oh, and nice eyes wouldn't hurt either.

Choosy, you say? Perhaps, but this Hottie can afford to be.



BEAST WARRIOR

Will Zinn is no ordinary sophomore. As a predictably unstable Libra and a history/history of art major, Will takes his eighties cartoons seriously. His favorite movie is the Orson Welles masterpiece *Transformers: The Movie*, and his favorite cartoon character is Dinobot from *Beast Wars*. In fact, since *Beast Wars* (along with cutting and pasting) is one of his hobbies, when looking for an ideal mate, tolerance of *Beast Wars* is a must. Another prerequisite is that she smells good. When approaching a potential interest, he follows it around for a few weeks and learns its patterns before beginning to send it anonymous mail. And when stressed out, Will likes to play Donkey Kong.

Besides a strange attraction to Estelle Getty and rotisserie chicken, plus the occasional bad habit of "colorful language," Will seems like a pretty normal guy. The wildest thing he's ever done was mixing jolt and mountain dew, and on the average weekend night he can be found rummaging through mail. On the other hand, the most embarrassing thing he's done was at a vegan restaurant once when he ordered steak tartar. "Oh crap!" he said.

Will's favorite song is "Life, Love, Death, and the Meter Man" by Angry Johnny and the Killbillies. Most importantly, his preference is for boxers, since when you're wearing boxers you can pretend you're going to the pool when you lose your pants.

Ranking the Reds ...



MATT O'BRIEN/NEWS-LETTER

Oh, poor Che. He's so cliché. But the beret is pretty sweet, we must say.

It has come to my attention that this country is suffering from a "boring poster" epidemic. This is no longer a problem which we can simply ignore. The first question we need to ask is this: Whose fault is it that there are so many boring posters in this country, particularly in college dormitories?

I feel I am a good person to try to solve this question, because I once had a boring poster myself. I won't say who it was, though.

Other than rock stars, movie stars and naked people, there are not many options to choose from in the market of people posters. Those looking for revolutionaries and dictators will find it especially difficult to find a poster to suit their room. Other than Che for the lefties and Napoleon for the righties, there is not much to choose from, and Che and Napoleon are highly overrated.

It's very easy to go start blaming the people who make the boring posters. Instead, you should get up out of your seats, tear your boring posters down, and say "I'm mad as hell, and I'm not going to take it anymore!"

As an example, I will be the first to do something about it. Since I prefer revolutionaries to rock stars, I would like to write a list of the top ten most underrated revolutionaries of the millennium, so that someday, with all the fruits of modern technology, maybe the people in the poster industry reading this newspaper will consider putting these people on posters. Thank you!

10. Tupac Amaru
So you already have Tupac on your wall. But you probably don't have Tupac Amaru number one, the second best of the top ten underrated revolutionaries of the Western Hemisphere. This Inca was eventually captured by the Spanish and executed, as most revolutionaries are. His last words were "Ccollanan Pachacamac ricuy auccacunac yahuariniy

MATTO'BRIEN SHOUTS AND Mo' SHOUTS

hichascancuta", which of course means "Mother Earth, witness how my enemies shed my blood."

9. Queen Christina
Just because you're a queen doesn't mean you can't be a revolutionary. Christina chilled with Descartes and abdicated her throne because she allegedly wasn't much for marriage, and wanted to be a Roman Catholic. Unfortunately, she wasn't too easy on the eyes, but since Greta Garbo played her in a movie and makes a better poster, we can just pretend she looks like Greta Garbo.

8. John Lilburne
He was a Leveller. British. Said, "I have been hunted like a Partridge upon the mountains." Just like Che.

7. Chumbawumba
This anarchist musical group has created such beautiful anarchist tunes

as "Tubthumper" and probably some others too. In the tradition of Abby Hoffman, they asked everybody to steal their CD. Sometimes you can still catch them on VH1.

6. Errico Malatesta
My favorite Italian anarchist, and proof that there can be revolutionaries in New Jersey, too. He came to New Jersey once in 1899 but some other anarchist shot him in the leg in West Hoboken. Some years later, he would return to Boston and New York to give speeches, but, alas, nobody would go.

5. Boadicea
In the year 60 AD, this British queen revolted against Roman rule. Basically, she just has a really cool name.

4. Mshweshwe
This guy's name is equally cool. In fact, it is really just an imitation of the sounds made by a knife while shaving. After unifying the Sotho nation in South Africa, he manipulated the British and Boers against each other.

3. Lee Eun-Song
In the 1920s, he was a leader of a secret society of anarchists in the town of Icheon in Kwangwon province in Korea. It was secret, though, so that's all I know about him.

2. Ned Lud
Otherwise known as King Ludd. A mythic hero of the Luddites, a group which flourished in the early 1800s by sabotaging those evil industrial factories of England. Thomas Pynchon once called him a real "Badass", and wrote: "What gave King Ludd his special Bad charisma, took him from local hero to nationwide public enemy, was that he went up against these amplified, multiplied, more than human opponents and prevailed." Good for him.

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Everyman's amazing *The Glass Menagerie*



Kyle Prue is Tom, Maia DeSanti is Laura and Tana Hicken is Amanda in Everyman's *The Glass Menagerie*.

BY PHIL ANDREWS

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

When Tennessee Williams' *The Glass Menagerie* opened in 1945, it won the New York City Drama Critics Circle, Donaldson and Sydney Howard awards. Its critical and popular success propelled Williams to instant stardom, and he went on to write classics like *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*. The play is intensely autobiographical, as he himself was an introverted, pampered child, much like Laura. And his sister's affection for glass animals became the inspiration for Laura's almost dreamlike obsession with her menagerie.

The Everyman Theater on Charles

Street (on the same block as the Charles Theater) opened this masterpiece on Friday, and I was able to enjoy the play on Saturday. Everyman, a company just over a decade old, has performed 16 productions, but already has the expertise of a long-running professional theater and the blessing of a strong resident company. The tickets are reasonably priced, due partly to the play's co-production with Silver Spring's Round House Theater.

The Glass Menagerie follows a family trapped in early 20th century St. Louis (again, where Williams grew up), forever reminiscing on a glorious Southern past. Laura (Maia DeSanti) is a shy and introverted girl,

having let her embarrassment over her limp destroy her schooling and social life. Her mother, Amanda (Tana Hicken), both dotes and dominates her daughter, all the while endlessly remembering her past life as a sought after, beautiful girl in the heyday of the Deep South. And her son Tom (Kyle Prue) wants little more than to escape the cramped apartment and his warehouse job to find a life of travel and adventure, much like his father, who abandoned the family years ago. The appearance of Tom's friend Jim (Christopher Lane) as Laura's first gentleman caller turns the tiny apartment upside down, and when the visit ends, the family will never be the same.

Williams' prose and dialogue are nothing short of brilliant. His characters' speech is completely believable, yet they say things that have deep strains of emotional impact, wisdom, and sometimes hypocrisy. He is both funny and tragic and throughout Saturday night's performance brought the audience of about 150 to a howl and a stark silence. He picks us up and cradles us in the richness of the play, all the while tweaking and experimenting with the conventions of the form. For instance, much like Wilder's *Our Town*, he uses the technique of having a character in the play narrate between scenes as a conscious observer and participant. The play is self-conscious, as Tom tells us from the outset that it is a "memory play," and as such it will be "dimly lit" and "sentimental." He remarks that he will show us truth in the brilliant facade of illusion—a story made more real by its tendency to exaggerate and be unreal.

And the players of the Everyman Theater bring Williams' ambitious work to life with charm and sincerity. The performances are nothing short of fantastic, and never once interrupt the rhythm and inertia of the script. Hicken's Amanda Wingfield, in particular, is a performance worthy of any stage, anywhere. In her hands, the character is both sarcastically funny and tragically sad. She is bitter and loving, caring and domineering. When she lays into timid Laura or spits acid at proud Tom, you feel her anger in the pit of your heart.

Kyle Prue, however, lets you feel his rage in the pit of your stomach, and through sheer volume casts Tom as a hotheaded, but dreamy fellow.

Only he and Jim have the future in mind, and you can see ships and harbors and foreign cities in his eyes every time he casts them skyward. There is nothing but pain and shyness in fragile Laura's eyes, and Maia DeSanti makes her an endearing, yet pitiful girl. As his first Everyman performance, Christopher Lane plays former high school hero Jim, who has one foot in the past but is reaching desperately toward the future. He's an efficient charmer, the popular, confident guy that everyone deep down harbors a little jealousy or animosity for, and Lane brings both sides of him to life.

As a group, the four mesh and create all the necessary dynamics of the play. Director Donald Hicken leaves just the right pauses and brings just the right movement to the play. The characters rarely stop moving, and there's a vibrancy and excitement to even getting up in the morning. Yet, when the time arrives, Hicken pulls the reins, the kinetic energy grinds to a crawl, and emotion and tenderness take over.

I've never seen the touching scene between Jim and Laura done better, and to know the final outcome made the looming heartbreak almost unbearable. Other scenes, too, were handled masterfully. There's almost an air of playful jest in one scene as Tom and his mother talk about Jim, and the effect is pulled off with a precision and tension that fits perfectly. And at the close, during Tom's final, powerful monologue, he, Laura, and the lighting are orchestrated to impressive effect.

Throughout the play, the lighting becomes an important element,

nearly a fifth character (or sixth, if you count the absent father.) The spot lighting at the end of each scene shifts perspectives masterfully and brings new meaning to the play. Especially powerful was the brilliant illumination of the glass menagerie, the set of sparkling glass animals that has enveloped Laura's life.

The set, too, helps bring to life Williams' depressed view of St. Louis, all set within the confines of their one small apartment. Little touches like the adjacent fire escape and the walls that can be illuminated several ways show the care which Set Designer Dan Conway put into his creation. Pains-taking details, down to the beautiful glass animals and an actual copy of a St. Louis newspaper, may seem trivial, but would be missed if they were absent or lacking.

All these elements, from the strong, energetic direction to the brilliant ensemble cast, have served Tennessee Williams well, and rather than obscure his wonderful script, they have enhanced it. The performance runs only until March 11, and considering the price and location of the theater, this is a performance that you have no excuse to miss.

The Glass Menagerie runs from February 11 to March 11 at the Everyman Theater, 1727 Charles Street, next to the Charles Theater and one block from Penn Station. Performances are Wednesdays through Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m., with a Saturday matinee March 11 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for students. Tickets can be purchased the night of the show or by calling 410-752-2208.

A poetic middle finger

Sekou Sundiata's combination of poetry and music is in your face

BY RACHEL SAMS

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

"Poetry makes nothing happen," said W.H. Auden — in a poem, no less. If spoken-word artist Sekou Sundiata could come face to face with Auden today, he'd probably give him the finger.

That's basically what Sundiata's doing on his new album, *longstoryshort*. Sundiata uses poetry set to music in many ways — as a celebration of African-American history and culture, as a vehicle for romance — but above all, he's making poetry a call to action. While you might not agree with the guy's politics, might not dig his take on the female species, might just plain think he's kind of weird, there's something about the way he comes at you that demands to be heard. That's what makes Sundiata's approach to poetry, at least for this day and age, revolutionary.

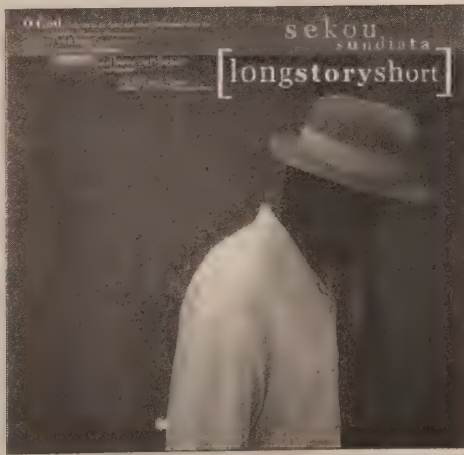
In our society we think of poetry as something rarefied, something distant from us, something trapped between the covers of a book that we dust off every once in a while, glance at, and return to the shelf. Poetry is not a part of everyday life in this country, unless you're in a graduate MFA program.

Sundiata wants to bring poetry out of the halls of academia and straight into your life, make it so relevant you can't live without it. His approach revolves around timing — his words tumble out in an explosion, as though he can't get them from his mouth to your ear fast enough, or stagger along haltingly, keeping you intent on what will come next. When he pairs words with music, he does so to get you tapping your feet, nodding your head, anything that will get the words under your skin and into your mind.

That's not to say he always succeeds. He doesn't. *longstoryshort* is uneven, wildly so at times; sometimes the words or instrumentation Sundiata chooses ultimately separate him from the listener, instead of bridging the gap between the two. But when Sundiata manages to fully

communicate his love of, and belief in, language, it's enough to make the listener fall in love with words all over again — or maybe inspire a brand-new affair.

"People be droppin' revolution/ Like it was a pickup line/ You wouldn't use that word if you knew what it meant," Sundiata says on "Droppin' Revolution." He uses poetry to take on a spectrum of controversial subjects, from the legacies of slavery to the warfare of the twentieth century



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to urban African-American poverty ("our neighborhoods used to be communities now called ghettos.")

Sundiata's voice is smooth, carefully enunciated, yet still urgent; at times you can literally hear him gasping in quick breaths between lines. His voice provides much of the album's force. However, there is one drawback to his voice — namely, its lower register. When his voice slips into lower tones, he sounds an awful lot like...Barry White. Needless to say, this distracts one from the social message behind his work. On "Droppin' Revolution," otherwise one of the best-realized tracks on the album, I kept expecting Sundiata to bust out with "We got it together, baby."

But music is just as crucial as words on an album of this sort, and Sundiata realizes this. He has a passion for music, evidenced in the names that keep coming up in his songs — Hendrix, Marvin Gaye. The ghost of John Coltrane is all over this album; in the title track's refrain, "A love

supreme, stay in my corner," suffusing Sundiata's memories of his own musical education.

For the most part, the instrumentation Sundiata chooses enhances his message rather than overpowering it. One of the album's biggest successes in this regard is the track "Isle de Goree," about a West African island that figured prominently in the slave trade. Didjeridoo and a host of eerie, echoey background sounds provide the perfect backdrop for Sundiata's vocals about how incredibly silent and still a place that saw such atrocities can be.

The lyrical mandolin of "Redemption" is a perfect counterpart to Sundiata's song about the intersection of music, language and memory; the strings in the background of "Not the Heat" lend another dimension to the earthy, sensual track. But there are musical missteps as well; an overwrought chorus by a male backup singer breaks the mood on "Reparations," which calls for monetary compensation to the African-American community for slavery. Sundiata's love of poetry doesn't stop him from revealing

the truth about the process of writing it: "How do I know when a poem is finished? The real answer is I don't know...I never did make one that was done." Let's hope this promising artist keeps on trying.

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Jazz on the rocks: Pat Metheny vs. Brad Mehldau

Pat Metheny and Brad Mehldau are at the forefront of modern popular jazz. That much is certain. But aside from a few surface similarities, each wants to take it entirely different places.

Both players front trios, and both use drums and standup bass to accent their own talented playing. Both sometimes let their musical associates take the reins, but make clear the fact that they are the stars, the real attraction. Both owe great debts to the heyday of jazz, and respect its traditions of improvisation and intuition, while infusing a certain amount of modern pop sensibility into their work. But that's where the parallels end.

Metheny's newest, *Trio 99-00*, starts with a bang. The drums rush up on the first track, already at full stride, and before the beat even catches a breath, the bass and signature guitar jump start to a sprint. His guitar sound remains a constant throughout the record, a clean electric played with vibrancy and speed. He's a virtuoso with an axe, and wants to make sure we know it. He jumps between different keys and time signatures faster than we can recognize the change. He takes tangents out to conclusion, he whittles away, and sometimes he flies off in what seems like a random run up the fretboard. In fact, this rapid motion is the cardinal rule of the record. Even when the trio's pace is slackened for a song or two, Metheny uses the opportunity to really let loose on a few unsuspecting scales.

The drums infuse kinetic energy into nearly every track like a behemoth locomotive. Drummer Bill Stewart starts far away, gathering steam and volume, snare strikes practically tripping over themselves in the race for the finish. These seemingly ran-

dom percussive snaps progress and explode, while Larry Grenadier does the same for the upright bass. He runs up and down the scale, only stopping to pin down the rhythm while his bandmates take off on arrhythmic tangents.

The trio takes this formula into each song they play, regardless of tempo, structure, or melody; all of which, incidentally, follow classic jazz forms, but leave little to the imagination. Metheny

penned almost all of the songs himself, and most likely meant to provide only a framework for his experimental solos. They do cover Coltrane's "Giant Steps," but that is the only classic work reinterpreted.

An easy criticism of Metheny is that his solos have little in the way of melodic content or soul, and in that respect they are difficult to listen to. But it holds up throughout the record, and he rages up and down the

PHIL ANDREWS

NOTES FROM THE UNDERGROUND

fretboard with seemingly no plan or regard to the song or melody. The bass and drum solos suffer from a similar deficiency, and the technical precision of the album leaves little room for groove or soul.

He does, however, throw this form out the window in two tracks, "We Had a Sister" and "Travels," where he opts to perform with an acoustic guitar, mostly unaccompanied. The first of the two tracks never gets off the ground, and just sounds like Metheny playing slower than normal to accommodate the form. Yet the second, the album's closer, has one of the clearest melodies on the record and stands alone as a moving tune, completely bucking the rest of his sterile, technical songs.

Also standing alone amongst the tunes is "Lone Jack," which finally finds his guitar following some sort of melodic structure, yet flying off toward his favorite realms of improvised, technical work. Yet this time, in the context of a grooving, textured song, the solos mean so much more. And the brilliant bass line pins down

the track with a melodic swing that Grenadier fully explores in a mind-blowing upright solo.

Now on to Brad Mehldau, who must consider himself a master of

melodies of all kinds. He, too, has a backing duo of bass and drums, but fronts the trio with his piano. The theoretical difference is apparent from the start. His first tune on *Deregulating Jazz* covers "Blackbird" from the Beatles, and playfully trots the Lennon/McCartney melody up and down, stretching and improvising on its already rich layers. His backing music, instead of cluttering the mix with frantic motion as Metheny's group tends to do, gracefully intones the song with a leisurely shuffle and a clean momentum. Throughout the record, they are supportive, yet understated. The bass follows the natural chord progression of the song, and the drums drops a beat so heavy you want to clap along.

Mehldau sounds as if he actually listens to his fellow players, and he dances around their melody, sometimes only mysteriously alluding to it. Then, when he finally pounces on

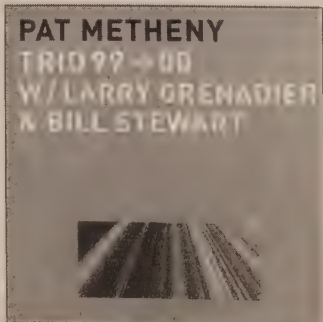
the tune, you know the it as intimately as an old childhood song.

Throughout the record, he changes his style several times, giving us a sweet lullaby in "River Man," and a frantic, schizophrenic trip in "London Blues." But always, he takes the song up in his

nimble hands, spinning and stretching the melody at will. He builds tension and releases it, and builds it again. You can hear a plan inherent in even his improvisations, a structured kind of thinking that eludes Metheny.

The big surprise of the record, however, comes in the second track, a cover of "Paranoid Android," originally by art-rock kings Radiohead. The original was written on several levels, as that band is fond of, and sets divergent melodic lines — bass, guitar and vocals.

Yet Mehldau takes it all on himself, and produces a brilliant result that rivals any rock conversion into another format that I've ever heard. He plays and twists the rich levels of the song, and infuses his own comment into places where it seems that every possibility had been played out. At times, he recreates the wily falsetto vocals, others, the rough guitar work. He brings the kind of passion and beauty to the tune that Tori Amos brought to Nirvana's "Smells like Teen Spirit," and that is feat that only he could accomplish.



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FEBRUARY 17 TO 23

Thursday, 17 February

ON CAMPUS

The film *Eyes Wide Shut* will be shown as a part of the Hopkins Film Series. Shriver Hall, 8 p.m. \$3.

The Office of Career Planning and Development will be holding a **Great Resumes!** session for those interested in resume writing skills and on how to improve their resumes. This is required for any student interested in partaking in on campus interviews. Clipper Room, Shriver Hall, 12 noon to 1 p.m. for information, call 410-516-8056.

There will be a Medical School Panel with representatives from Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland, and George Washington. Mergenthaler 111, 7 p.m.

The Resident Advisory Board will be hosting **Casino Night**. AMR Multipurpose Room, 8 p.m. Free for students.

There will be a screening of *Babe* to promote awareness of animal cruelty. AMR 1 TV Room, 6 p.m.

OFF CAMPUS

The **Baltimore Bayrunners** will be going head to head against the **New Mexico Slam**. Baltimore Arena, 7 p.m. For more information, call 410-332-HOOP.

The **Baltimore Symphony Orchestra** will be performing Bach's "Piano Concerto No. 3 in D Major," Haydn's "Symphony No. 44," and Beethoven's "Piano Concerto No. 4." They will be directed by guest conductor Andras Schiff, who will also perform as the soloist on this concert. Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 8 p.m. For tickets and other information, call 410-783-8000. Be sure to ask about student tickets!

Catholic Mass will be celebrated from 5 p.m. until 5:45 p.m. in the Newman House (2941 North Charles Street) tonight, followed by **Newman Night** from 6 until 8 p.m., which includes free dinner followed by an activity).

Friday, 18 February

ON CAMPUS

Richard T. Roca, the director of the Applied Physics Laboratory, will be speaking on "**Millennial Challenges: Colloquium 2000: A Telecommunications Architecture for the 21st Century**." Maryland 218, 2 p.m.

The Office of Career Planning and Development will be holding a two part session on **Interviews that Get Results**. Students interested in on campus interviews must attend these sessions. Sherwood Room, Levering Hall, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for information, call 410-516-8056.

As a part of **Black History Month**, there will be a discussion on "**Retro-spection and Progression: The African-American of the 20th Century**." Shriver Hall, 12 noon. \$5.

There will be a **Study Abroad Meeting** for those interested in going to **Paris** or **Montpellier**. Office of Academic Advising, 3:30 p.m.

As a part of **Black History Month**, there will be a **Step Show** followed by an After Party in the Glass Pavillion. Shriver Hall, 7 p.m. \$5 for JHU students. \$7 for all others.

Theatre Hopkins presents *Old Wicked Songs* by Jon Marans. Merrick Barn, 8 p.m. \$5 for students.

OFF CAMPUS

The **Kids in the Hall** will be performing their comedy routine. Warner Theatre, 11 a.m. Tickets cost from \$29 to \$35.50. For tickets, call 410-481-SEAT.

As a part of the **Jazz in Cool Places** series, saxophonist **Joe Lovano** will be performing with bassist **Andy McKee** and drummer **Otis Brown, III**. St. Vincent de Paul Church, 120 North Charles Street, 8 p.m. For tickets and more information, call 410-235-9733. Tickets cost from \$12 for students with IDs to \$20 for those without.

Pediatrician **Mary Schipper** will be speaking on safety and first aid. Light Street Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 10:30 a.m. For information, call 410-396-5494.

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Saturday, 19 February

ON CAMPUS

Rangzen - Students for a Free Tibet will be a concert of various artists and DJ's who will promote awareness of the need for a free Tibet. E-Level, 10 p.m. \$3 for JHU students.

The **Johns Hopkins Mens Wrestling Team** will be competing in the Centennial Conference Championships. Athletic Center.

As a part of **Black History Month**, there will be a **Sankofa Dance Performance**. Shriver Hall, 8 p.m. Free for Hopkins students.

As a part of **Black History Month**,

there will be a free movie showing. **Film TBA**. BSU Room, 7 p.m. Free food will be provided.

Theatre Hopkins presents *Old Wicked Songs* by Jon Marans. Merrick Barn, 8 p.m. \$5 for students.

OFF CAMPUS

Dr. Joyce A. Joyce will be presenting a lecture on "**Bigger Thomas and the 21st Century**." Dr. Joyce is currently the Chair of the African Americana Studies Department at Temple University. Wheeler Auditorium, Central Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2 p.m.

The **National Museum of Women in the Arts** is presenting **Fiesta Mexicana! a Celebration of Mexican Art and Culture for all Ages**. This annual family festival is dedicated to the colorful traditions of Mexican culture. Washington, D.C., 12 noon to 4 p.m. For information, call 202-783-5000. Free.

The **Peking Acrobats** will be performing incredible feats of balanced acrobatics. Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 410-783-8000.

The **Peabody Camerata** will be performing under the direction of Gene Young. The program includes works by Schoenberg, Berg and Coleman. Griswold Hall, Peabody, 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-659-8124. Free.

Author **Louis Diggs** will speak on "**Finding Our Voices: Remembering Baltimore's African-American Communities**." Forest Park Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 2 p.m. For details, call 410-396-5494.

The **Baltimore Bayrunners** will be upholding their home turf against the **New Mexico Slam**. Baltimore Arena, 7 p.m. For information, call 410-332-HOOP.

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Sunday, 20 February

ON CAMPUS

World renowned pianist **Kevin Kenner**, winner of the International Chopin Competition and of the Van Cliburn International Competition, will be performing a multimedia concert honoring the various homes of the late Frederick Chopin. Shriver Hall, 3 p.m. For information and tickets, call 410-516-7157.

Theatre Hopkins presents *Old Wicked Songs* by Jon Marans. Merrick Barn, 8 p.m. \$5 for students.

The **Johns Hopkins University Band** will be having **Concert Band Rehearsal**. ROTC Building, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-516-8450 or e-mail band@jhu.edu.

Catholic Mass will be celebrated today at the IPC from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Call 410-516-3607 for more details.

OFF CAMPUS

Pro Musica Rara is performing a concert entitled "**The End of the Enlightenment**," which outlines what happened to music as the French Revolution swept through Europe. For more information, call 410-728-2820. Tickets range from \$10 for students to \$20 for non-students.


As a part of the **Waverly Music Series**, there will be a program called "**Improvisations and Interpretations**" featuring organists **Adric and David Lawrie**. Saint John's Church, Baltimore, 4:45 p.m. For more information, call 410-467-4793.

Monday, 21 February

ON CAMPUS

There will be an SDS Career Sympo-

SPOTLIGHT



The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is renowned for its high quality musicians and its new music director Yuri Temirkanov. But what is often overlooked is their staff of conductors who lead the pops concerts, choral concerts and various performances throughout the concert season. One such conductor is Sergiu Comissiona, the BSO's Conductor Laureate.

Sergiu Comissiona has had a long history with our local BSO. He first began working with the ensemble in 1968, when he was appointed the music director. He then brought the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra into the limelight when he led the group on a tour through East Germany, a region that had not been open to American symphonies for many years. Then, in 1982, Comissiona, with the aid of Joseph Meyerhoff, moved into their current home, the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall. This

marked the beginning of a new era for the BSO, which began to revamp its image into an orchestra of national stature.

During his tenure with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Comissiona also made a name for himself holding various positions from Principal Guest Conductor of Israel's Jerusalem Symphony to guest conducting renowned orchestras such as the Boston Symphony and the London Philharmonic. His most lasting contribution to the BSO, however, is the Baltimore Symphony Chorus, which he founded in 1969. This volunteer group is 150 members strong and performs up and down the east coast.

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Wednesday, 23 February

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The Anthropology Department is hosting **Professor Jane Guyer** of Northwestern University as she discusses "**Quality and Price in the Global Consumer Market: How Nigerians Define a Fake**." Macaulay 404-BA (Seminar Room), 4 p.m. For more information, call 410-516-7272. Free.

As a part of the **Shriver Hall Wednesday Noon Series**, The **Baltimore City College High School Knights and Daze Show Choir** will be performing a show called "**Jazzin', Jammin', and Jamboree**." Shriver Hall, 12 noon. For more information, call 410-516-7157. Free.

The **Johns Hopkins University Band** will be having **Concert Band Rehearsal**. ROTC Building, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. For more information, call 410-516-8450 or e-mail band@jhu.edu.

OFF CAMPUS

Renowned photographer **Lorna Simpson** will be presenting a slide lecture of her past and current work. Contemporary Museum, 100 West Centre Street, 6 p.m. for information, call 410-783-5720 x-101. \$3.

UC-Berkeley Professor **Galen Cranz** will lecture on the livelihood of urban parks in a lecture entitled "**A New Model for Urban Parks: The Importance of Ecological, Social and Cultural Opportunities**." In this lecture, she will discuss the changing role of urban parks in the 21st century and offer a new model for parks. Evergreen House, 4545 North Charles Street, 6 p.m. For more information and tickets, call 410-516-0341. \$10.

Connections, the **Baltimore City Lupus Support Group**, will be holding a meeting open to Lupus sufferers and their loved ones. 2901 Druid Park Drive, Baltimore, 7 p.m. For more information, call 1-800-777-0934.

OFF CAMPUS

The **Peabody Chamber Opera** is performing **Cavalli's Egisto** under the direction of Roger Brunyate and Webb Wiggins. Friedberg Hall, Peabody, 8 p.m. For more information, contact 410-659-8124. \$8 for JHU students with valid ID.

The **National Museum of Women in the Arts** is hosting **Cinema Mexicana! Mexico's Women Filmmakers**, during which they will show a film entitled *La Negra Angustias (Black Angustias)* by filmmaker **Matilde Landeta**. Washington, D.C., 7 p.m. If you have questions, call 202-783-5000. \$3 for students with valid ID.

The **Baltimore Folk Music Society** is having its weekly **Contra Dance**. Lovely Lane Church, 2200 Saint Paul Street, Baltimore. For information, call 410-321-8419

On Going

ART EXHIBITS

The **National Museum of Women in the Arts** presents an exhibit entitled "**Ellen Lanyon: Transformations, Selected Works from 1971-1999**." Washington, DC. Runs through May 7. For more information, call 202-783-5000.

The **Baltimore Museum of Art** is showing "**Robes of Deliverance: Ritual Garments of the Buddhist Priests of Japan**." Baltimore Museum of Art, Art Museum Drive. Runs through February 27. For more information, call 410-396-7100.

The **National Museum of Women in the Arts** is currently displaying an exhibit entitled "**Matter Mind Spirit: 12 Contemporary Indian Women Artists**." Washington, DC. Runs through May 7. For more information, call 202-783-5000.

The **Walters Art Gallery** is currently displaying a Japanese print with the theme of "**Japan at War with China, 1894-95**." Walters Art Gallery, 600 North Charles Street. Runs through March 19. For more information, call 410-547-9000.

The **National Museum of Women in the Arts** displays an exhibit called "**The Magic of Remedios Varo**," which features the Surrealist art of Varo. Washington, DC. Runs through May 29. For more information, call 202-783-5000.

The **Baltimore Museum of Art** is currently displaying **Selections from the Cone Collection** as the Cone Wing undergoes a massive renovation. Baltimore Museum of Art, Art Museum Drive. Runs through February 2000. For more information, call 410-396-7100.

NIGHTLIFE

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8x10, 8-10 East Cross St., 410-625-2000
9:30 Club, 815 V St., NW, Washington, D.C., 202-393-0930
Black Cat, 1831 14th St., NW, Washington, D.C., 202-667-7960
Bohagers, 515 S. Eden St., 410-563-7220
Brass Monkey, 1601 Eastern Ave., 410-522-0784
Buddies Pub and Jazz Club, 313 N. Charles St., 410-332-4200
Cat's Eye Pub, 1730 Thames St., 410-276-9085
E Level, Levering Hall, JHU, 410-516-6219
Fletcher's, 701 S. Bond St., 410-558-1889
Hal Daddy's, 4119 E. Lombard Street, 410-342-3239
Harry's, 1200 North Charles Street, 410-685-2828
Horse You Came In On, 1626 Thames St., 410-327-8111
Ottobar, 2-3 East Davis Street, 410-752-6886
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COMEDY

Bayou Nightclub, 3135K Street NW, Washington D.C., 202-783-7212
Comedy Factory, 36 Light Street, 410-752-4189
Improv, 1140 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington D.C., 202-783-7212
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8250.

Currently on exhibit at the **National Museum of Women in the Arts** is an exhibit entitled **"Bending the Rules,"** which explores Varo's blending of elements of the supernatural with her paintings. Washington, DC. Runs through May 29. For more information, call 202-783-5000.

On display at the **National Museum of Women in the Arts** is an exhibit called **"Book as Art XII: Artists' Books from the Permanent Collection."** Washington, DC. Runs through July 1. For more information, call 202-783-5000.

MISCELLANEOUS

The **Maryland Science Center** is exhibiting **Backyard Monsters 2**, which is an exhibit featuring in-depth exploration of bugs. Runs through 29 May. For details, call 410-545-5965.

The **Maryland Science Center's** planetarium is showing **Millennium in Space**. 601 Light Street. Runs through February 27. For details, call 410-545-5965.

The **Maryland Science Center's** planetarium is showing **Follow the Drinking Gourd**, which chronicles the history and struggles of the slaves through the stars. 601 Light Street. Runs through February 27. For more information and details, call 410-545-5965.

The **Maryland Science Center** is currently showing **Fantasia/2000**. 601 Light Street. Runs through April 30. For tickets and details, call 410-481-7328.

THEATER

The **Arena Stage** is currently staging several weekly performances of **Guys and Dolls**. Arena Stage, Washington, DC. Runs through February 20. For tickets and more information, call 202-554-9066.

The **Arena State** will begin its production of **Dinah Was** on January 28. Arena Stage, Washington, DC. Runs through March 26. For tickets and more information, call 202-554-9066.

Campus Notes

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine is seeking research subjects for the Department of radiology, Division of Nuclear Medicine. The department is searching for healthy volunteers between the ages of 18 and 55 for a research study requiring the injection of a radioisotope and an investigational drug. Participants will receive compensation ranging from \$250 to \$600 upon completion of the study. For details, call Maryanne at 410-955-

The Governor's Summer Internship Program is now accepting applications. Students entering their junior and senior years are eligible to apply for an internship which allows students to work side-by-side with high level personnel in various state agencies on in the Governor's Office. Interested students should pick up applications from Dr. Richard Sanders in the Office of Academic Advising, Merryman Hall. The deadline is 8 March.

Undergraduates who have started their own businesses are eligible to enter the North American Collegiate Entrepreneur Awards Contest. There is a state round, then an international round. The first place winner of the international competition will receive \$10,000 and their faculty nominee will receive \$1,000. For more information, e-mail jscs@slu.edu or check out the URL at <http://www.slu.edu/eweb/naceal/index.html>.

The Office of Career Planning and Development is collecting hard copy resumes for distribution among the following companies: Legg Mason, The Carson Group, Capital One, and The Lewin Group. For details, call 410-516-8056.

The Peabody Conservatory is establishing a new, full-time position with the title of Graduate Assistantship in Liberal Arts. The GA will be responsible for serving members of the humanities department and their students. The GA will also be responsible for teaching and grading some classes. For more information about the application process, contact Dr. Ron Levy at 410-59-8159 or e-mail him at rlevy@peabody.jhu.edu.

Would you like to tutor an elementary school child right here on campus and have fun doing it? Hopkins now has a tutoring program which lets students tutor Baltimore area children twice a week. You can opt to tutor on Mondays and Wednesdays, or on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. The group offers games, computers, and all supplies necessary for tutoring and having fun with your child. If interested, please contact Rebecca DuLaney at 410-662-8452 for the Monday/Wednesday program or Jai Eswara for the Tuesday/Thursday program. Space is limited!

Would you like to learn more about career development while helping others reach their goals? The Office of Career Planning and Development is seeking students with initiative to be trained on office resources and services, to review resumes and cover letters, and conduct outreach efforts as a CPD liaison. It's great exposure to the ins and outs of the CPD. Plus we have

lots of fun! Interested students or December grads should submit a resume and cover letter to Alysia Decker at CPD.

A number of changes have been made to the International Studies curriculum. Be sure to check with your advisor to see what options have recently opened up for you. If you have general questions, call 410-516-7537.

The Human Motor Learning laboratory of Dr. Reza Shadmehr seeks right-handed individuals to participate in an experiment. We wish to examine how humans use visual feedback to control arm movement. Volunteers are paid \$10 per day for a two-day experiment. Subjects must be able to participate on consecutive Thursdays and Fridays. Contact lenses are okay, but no eyeglasses, please. Experiments are conducted in Traylor 416, JHMI. Protocols have been approved by the JHU Joint Committee on Clinical Investigation. For more information, call 410-614-3424.

Healthy men and women aged 18 to 50 are needed to participate in an outpatient research study of commonly prescribed medications. Participation involves three sessions lasting about five hours each at the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. Volunteers will be compensated with \$175. For more information about this study, please call 410-550-1916.

The Writing Center provides a free service to all undergraduates who want some help with their writing. You don't need a completed piece of writing — in fact, the sooner you come by, the better. You can bring an assignment, idea, outline, paper, lab report, personal statement, story, or any other written work, and we will try to help you organize your thoughts and express yourself clearly. Drop by during hours or call ahead x4258 for an appointment. Hours are Sunday through Thursday 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 2 to 6 p.m. We're located at the Owen House (the blue house behind Macaulay Hall, near the entry gate to the Hopkins Club).

The Charles Village Parade is coming up soon! The date is set for 3 June. If you're interested in participating, call Steven Rivelis at 410-243-7979x-11. All are welcome to come display any assortment of talents. There will be prizes offered for five categories: Best Charles Village Entry, Best Community/Neighborhood Association Entry, Best Float, Most Entertaining Entry, and Most Wild, Wacky, Funky, Zany Entry. You could win \$100 just for having fun!

Campus Notes are provided free of charge as a service to JHU-affiliated campus groups. Please submit a brief paragraph to us by Tuesday night at 5:00 p.m. by electronic mail (News.Letter@jhu.edu) or by dropping off a copy at our offices at the corner of Art Museum Drive and Charles Street.

EXPOSURE

By MATT O'BRIEN



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American Movie
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Angela's Ashes
White Marsh

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Harbor Park

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Eastpoint, Towson Commons, White Marsh

Being John Malkovich
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Eastpoint

Cider House Rules
Charles, Towson Commons

Deuce Biglow: Male Gigolo
Eastpoint

Down to You
White Marsh

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Galaxy Quest
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Eastpoint, Harbor Park, White Marsh

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Eastpoint, White Marsh

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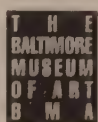
Saturday, February 19 and Thursday, February 24
Glenn Dearing on Rembrandt, *Titus, the Artist's Son*

Saturday, March 4 and Thursday, March 23
Susan Ross on Courbet, *The Shaded Stream at Le Puits Noir*

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Saturday, April 8
Glenn Dearing on Dürer, *Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse*

Thursday, April 27 and Saturday, May 6
Susan Ross on Giacomelli, *Man Pointing*



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ARIES: (MARCH 21-APRIL 19)
Sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but you'll have to put off your presidential aspirations for now. That's Al Gore's territory this year.



TAURUS: (APRIL 20-MAY 20)
George Washington won't be honored at Hopkins this year. Take some action. Start SFPDO: Students For President's Day Off.



GEMINI: (MAY 21-JUNE 20)
"W" is what you're going to get in three classes if you don't get off your ass and do some work. Start by thinking about getting motivated.



CANCER: (JUNE 21-JULY 22)
Bush, Reagan, Nixon, Harding, Hoover, Coolidge. I don't think the 21st century could hold a worse group of Republican presidents. Well, maybe ... Bauer, Keyes ...



LEO: (JULY 23-AUGUST 22)
We don't need no education, but a higher GPA would help. I know, I know: soooo lazy. Yeah, I see your point. No sense going to class next week.



VIRGO: (AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22)
Don't fuck with the wrong people. You know that cool gang of freshmen called "The Gang" or something? Those are the right people. Kick *all* their asses.



LIBRA: (SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 22)
Want to help out with a special project? Count the number of hours in a week you're not napping and compare that to the number of beers you drink. Congrats.



SCORPIO: (OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 21)
"A" is the grade on the way, and you'll graduate with honors. Isn't that fun? Now you can worry about nothing. Get crazy drunk this weekend.



SAGITTARIUS: (NOVEMBER 22 - DEC. 21)
Cokehead, alcoholic, pill popper. Are these the qualities of a great president? No? Well, I guess you have no chance. Neither does George W. Bush.



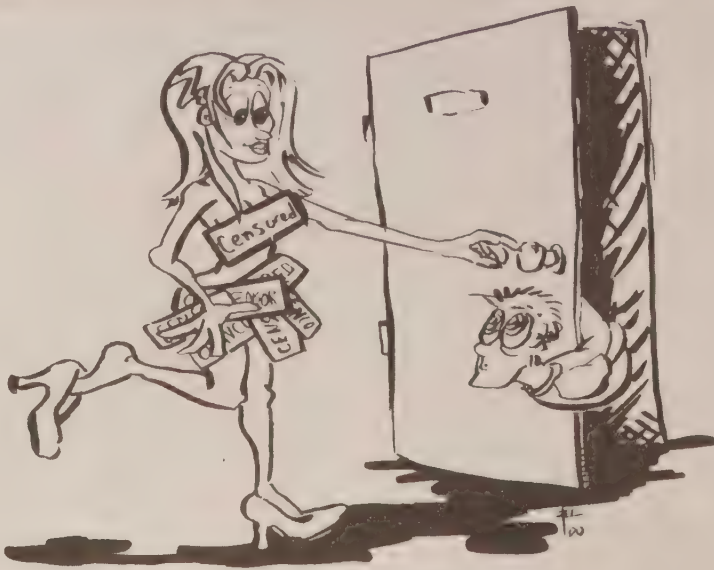
CAPRICORN: (DEC. 23 - JANUARY 19)
President from Tennessee? Sweet! Ain't that gonna make ya'll proud? Good. Know what? The stars say that you're next in line. No shit.



AQUARIUS: (JANUARY 20 - FEBRUARY 18)
Right and wrong really seem to mean nothing anymore. People don't care about being manipulated, either, especially by women. Got it?



PISCES: (FEBRUARY 19 - MARCH 20)
Now, you're going to have to get off your ass and vote in these important primary elections. You know you can't live with a Fortunate Son in the White House.



Naked: A beginner's guide

Dear Kitty and Bambi,
I have a serious problem. I'm totally embarrassed to have friends over. My suite mate seems to think that a T-shirt and pair of panties are a complete outfit. The other day she opened the door dressed like this and it was one of my guy friends. He just stood there speechless. How can I get her to put some pants on?
-Miffed in McCoy

Dear Miffed,
JHU's stop advice columnists think you are out of line. We would like to commend your suite mate on her great self-esteem. Few women are comfortable enough with their bodies (especially after those heinous freshman fifteen!) to stroll around showing off their cellulite-ridden cottage cheese thighs. You go girl! However, we think that panties and a T-shirt are not the most flattering way to show off those curves. Miffed, it is your duty as a suite mate to help the girl out. A nice way to break this to her would be to purchase something refined that she can wear around the suite instead of the T-shirt. Maybe one of those satin or silky numbers that models always lounge around in. They seem to look pretty comfortable and tasteful at the same time.

Hugs and Kisses,
Kitty and Bambi

Dear Kitty and Bambi,
I met a guy on Q-level while buying some coffee to pull an all-nighter on Valentine's Day. I was feeling really lonely because love was in the air but I wasn't getting any. He gave me a quarter to help me pay for my coffee and next thing I knew, we were hooking up in the Garrett room. Now I feel really cheap. I think he might have been a nice guy if I had met him at the right time, but by being a skank I messed things up. If I see him again, how should I act?
-Sweet N' Low

Dear Sweet N' Low,
How about not acting like a skank again? Let him know that you are not a 25-cent date. If he wants to "see you" again, it will cost more. Like dinner and a movie. Remember, you are worth it!
Smooches,
Kitty and Bambi

Dear Kitty and Bambi,
This weekend I have a date. Well, not really a date. It might be a date? I don't know. Anyway, I need to know what to wear on a date that might not be a date, but could be. Sorry, I am rambling again. Help me!
-Cute and Confused

-Dear Cutie,
You started an argument! Kitty and Bambi both go on a lot of first dates (but not many second) but they never agree on what the proper attire is. Kitty likes to show cleavage. You have to sucker him in somehow. Whether it's a date or not, a little bit of Miracle Bra action can't hurt! Also, perfume is a must. That way, when Mr. Rightie goes home that night, he'll have a lingering scent to remember you by. You know you'll be getting a call in the standard 3-5 days.

Bambi is a bit more conservative. On the first date, or pseudo-date (actually, any time you first start hanging around a particular guy) you should let him think that you are a "nice girl." That way, he will be pressured to buy you nicer things if he expects you to put out. You don't want him to think that he can get you in bed after he meal-equals you a Snapple at the Depot. By dressing classy and only showing cleavage on special occasions, you will remind him that you are a lady, not a tramp. Don't do anything we wouldn't do,
Kitty and Bambi

Dear Kitty and Bambi,
I'm currently sleeping with three different guys. One is an athlete, the other is a musician, and third is a med student. They're all really nice, good looking, and great in bed. So, my question is, if I want to be in a monogamous relationship, which of the three should I choose?
-Missing Monogamy

Dear Missing,
We completely understand your plight, since we often find ourselves torn between many men. What's a girl to do? First of all, juggle them for as long as you can. If you don't have

guy needs to be able to provide. Third, whom do you have the MOST fun with? Do you prefer to go to a football game, a concert, or the doctor's office? Think of it this way — these are the activities that you'll be doing three times more often if you're sure monogamy is the game you want to play. Once you've answered these questions, you'll know which Romeo is right for you. If you find that you answered differently to each question, you just might not be ready for that type of lifestyle. Who knows, maybe a fourth guy will come and outshine the others!
Make love, not war,
Kitty and Bambi

* Disclaimer: Following any of the advice in this column may or may not result in expulsion, suspension, academic probation, medical problems or deportation. Kitty and Bambi are not responsible for the words seen above. They probably wrote this during one of Kitty's drinking binges while Bambi was busy hiking up her skirt as a desperate attempt for attention. Proceed with caution. And remember kids, Kitty and Bambi love you!

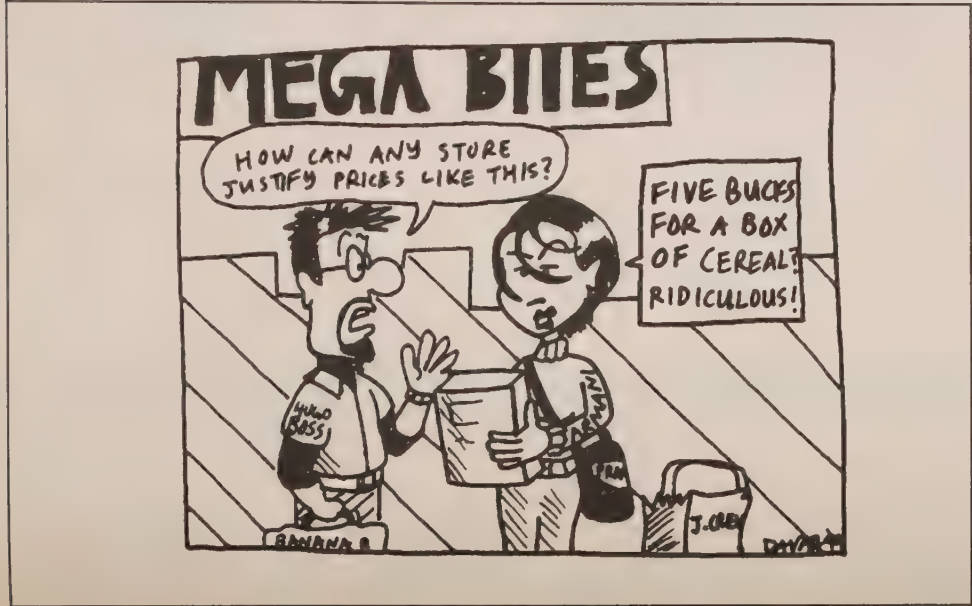
Hey, we are not feeling the love! We know there are more of you out there who have burning questions for Kitty and Bambi. Shower us with affection. Send requests and dedications to kittyandbambi@bombdiggity.com. (All questions are confidential. Kitty and Bambi will not reveal your e-mail address.)

KITTY & BAMBI HELPFUL HINTS

your mind made up, why punish yourself? Then, when you're absolutely sure you just want to be with one, ask yourself these questions. First: Who has the most earning potential? This is important because if you decide you love this man, you may end up marrying him one day. You need to make sure he's financially capable of supporting your shopping habit. Second: Who's willing to spend the most time with you? Right now you're juggling three guys, all of whom obviously excite you in different ways. You need to make sure that the one you pick can put in the time you need because you seem to crave a lot of attention that your

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I was standing outside on the grass this morning. It was a stunning day.

The temperature, humidity, sunlight...all the elements of weather met exquisitely. I held out my hand and I felt nothing....no heat...no cold... The weather was perfect.

When our bodies are in perfect health usually we feel no pain or discomfort...we feel nothing...indeed, we are ready to go out into the world with gusto.

Don't misinterpret here; the human body is unfathomably complex. Science struggles daily to uncover its mysteries. It is sublime how the internal byzantine empire functions.

Yet, the end result of this complex, soft, fleshy machine is calmly the essence of simplicity. If healthy, we most often feel nothing.

Our relationship has become like that...we have exhaustively fought ourselves to a standstill where I feel nothing.

Happy Anniversary, Dear.

The flowers on the table are for the dog.

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Having recently acquired a new puppy, the QM is quickly learning the importance of consistency in the training process. The aforementioned pup is a beagle — a particularly vocal breed. With certain eviction being the only alternative, the QM had to train the pooch to stay quiet. This was easy to do when the QM was home. A few well-placed kicks to the midsection and a shot or two of Nyquil usually did the trick. Problems arose each time the QM ventured out of the apartment. Left to her own devices, the dog barked for hours on end. It seemed that consistent enforcement of the No-Barking rule was impossible. Until we discovered Shock Collars. I promise this product exists. It's a collar that gives the dog a harmless (according to the package) static shock when it detects the vocal cord vibrations from an illicit bark. Now, even when the QM is out fighting crime and doing whatever else it is a QM does, Puppy is getting consistent negative feedback on her troublesome habit.

It is with this newfound appreciation for consistency and continuity that the QM brings you the Housing Quiz. With the Housing Guide accompanying this issue of The News-Letter, it just makes sense that the quiz should reflect the special edition. Consistently, your answers should be in by Tuesday at 5 p.m. You can bring them to the office, e-mail them to news.letter@jhu.edu, or submit them online at <http://newsletter.jhu.edu>. The winner gets the exact same thing that quiz-winners have been getting since the very beginning of time: a free case of beer or other beverage as well as \$10 worth of goodies from our sponsors, Eddie's Market and Eddie's Liquors on the 3100 block of St. Paul. Happy Hunting!

1. Last semester, the ever-scooping News Letter covered a story about a local apartment building. Apparently the building, long a student fave for its low rent/high ceiling combo pads, is being converted into an assisted living center for senior citizens.

What nearby apartment building is about to undergo the change of life?

2. Having been a resident of The Charles, the QM can think of several good reasons to live there. The first three are obvious: location, location, location — it's Wolman Plan II. Some of the other reasons are not quite so plain. Let's see, there's always the aerobic benefit of hiking to one's floor when the elevator (read: "glorified shower on a chain") breaks each week. There's the

coveted backdoor access to PJ's and of course, the substantial savings on air-freshener cost. During her tenure in the building, the QM was treated to an ever-rotating series of apartment fragrances. None of that insipid "Spring Meadow," "Woodland Breeze," "Summer Lovin" over-the-counter-stuff for Charles residents. Our apartments had REAL smells. MANLY smells. The kind of smells that waft up from the pub in the basement of the building. Every Monday, our home reeked of chicken wings. Tuesdays meant the smell of burgers. Every PJ's weeknight special brought with it a distinctive home fragrance.

What are the weeknight specials at PJ's pub?

3. The Charles is run by the same colony of trolls that controls the nearby Blackstone. Though the building is far more upscale (exotic Asian coffeehouse/café versus divey bar; newly refurbished units compared to chipped lead-based paint), the Blackstone's leasing office is the lobby of its red-headed stepbrother, Charlie.

Who is the Leasing Agent who acts as management's frontline for both buildings?

4. Before the building at 3 East 33rd Street became the Pike house, it housed a set of rare three-bedroom apartments.

What is the former name of the now Pike house?

5. Like the Pike house, the Phi Psi house wasn't always that. It used to belong to Beta. The changing of the guards coincided with Beta's suspension twenty years ago. Something about the administration not taking too kindly to brotherhoods that blow off the

top floor of their fraternity houses. Bankrolled by Bloomberg, the Phi Psi boys have made a home out of damaged goods. The Betas are back, but they have yet to settle on a definitive location for the next millennium's hijinks. They recently moved off of West 33rd.

Where is the current Beta house located?

6. Never one to engage in gender discrimination, the QM will include a question about sororities.

What JHU sorority has a house/dorm on Greenway?

7. For many Hopkins students, Baltimore is a sordid ghetto

devoid of style and subtropical weather. These narrow-minded judgement-passers must be oblivious to the Melrose Place of Charles Village. One area apartment building is a tribute to gracious living and the Aaron Spelling way of life: It has Iberian-sytle architecture and a gated courtyard.

Name this Shangri-La on St. Paul.

8. If you're getting out of the dorms and movin' on up, your world would be that much more symmetrical if you moved on up to a building with "Jefferson" in the name. 32nd Street's Jefferson House is the only building in the area that shares a name with a U.S. president.

What building is reminiscent of the name of two Southern states?

9. In what buildings are the following businesses located?

Hopkins Deli, the Hopkins Store, Jeannier's, the Schnapp Shop, Video Americain?

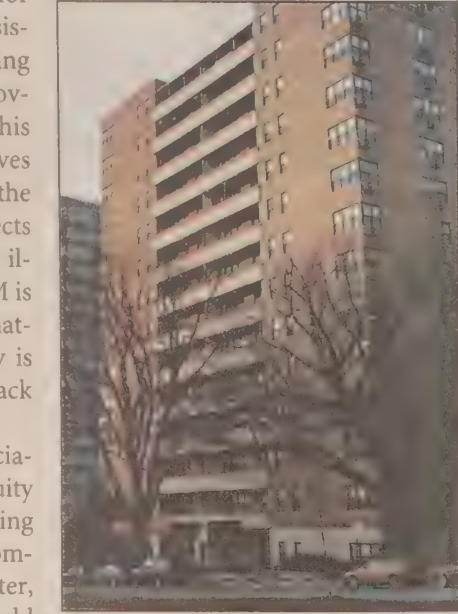
10. And finally, a little geography lesson. What are the boundaries of Charles Village?

BONUS/TIEBREAKER: Name as many Baltimore apartment buildings as you can.

Congratulations to last week's winner, C.B. Schorr of the JHU Security Department. Come down to the Gatehouse to pick up your prize! Thanks to everyone else who submitted. Last week was close again — it came down to the tiebreaker.

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

1. The Nixons' Dog
2. Lyndon Baines Johnson, John Fitzgerald Kennedy, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Dwight David Eisenhower
- BONUS: David Dwight Eisenhauer
3. To participate in the drafting of the Treaty of Versailles
4. England
5. Lincoln
6. Secretary of State
7. Grover Cleveland
8. FDR
9. Theodore Roosevelt
10. James Monroe
11. John Adams/John Quincy Adams
12. POTUS
13. James Madison, James Monroe, James K. Polk, James Buchanan, James Garfield, James (Jimmy) Carter
14. S.
15. Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt



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By CHRIS LANGBEIN



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HOUSING GUIDE

2/17/2000

A NOTE

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NEWS-LETTER

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HOUSING GUIDE

One of the more interesting perks of attending our fine university is the necessity of venturing beyond our cozy Homewood borders and into the wide, wild world beyond in quest of our own digs. That is, of course, unless one wanted to spend one's junior and senior ears in a cardboard box, but even Writing Seminars majors tend to want to save that until after graduation. For many, having been holed up in the womb of University Housing for two years, the prospect of dealing with an actual house or apartment can be daunting. Fear not, however, for we are here. Once again, the Special Issues division of the venerable News-Letter is here to help. Praise us for it.

In order to understand more precisely the nature of this Housing Guide, let us look more closely at it. The American Heritage College Dictionary defines a "guide" as "one who shows the way by leading, directing or advising," and "housing" as "a place to live, a dwelling." Thus, this "Housing Guide" is designed to show you the way by leading, directing or advising you as to how to find a place to live or a dwelling. We could have called it an oikiopomp, but that would have been pretentious.

To the above-mentioned end, we have included in this work sections on University housing options, as well as on apartments in both Charles Village and Guilford. Finally, we put in a section of miscellany to help your new dwelling feel like home. Use it wisely, for within it dwells much wisdom.

Of course, no editor is an island, and we must acknowledge those who helped us along our way. First, thanks to all those writers who diligently researched the places where they themselves lived, and kindly wrote down their findings for us. Thank also to our Editors-in-Chief, Sara Billard and Amanda Druckman, and our Managing Editors, Tom Gutting and Chris Langbein, without whose tireless efforts, this guide would probably never have reached printed form but would rather have been merely talked about as one more sad might-have-been. We must also thank our Photo Editors, Patrick Deem and Chung Lee, without whom there would have been only words here, thus making it boring.

So now go and go quickly. Read on and discover before all the good apartments are taken.

Christina Moreno & S. Brendan Short
Special Issues Editors

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UNIVERSITY HOUSING

Should you lie dorm-ant?

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Whether or not to live in university-owned apartments is a bigger choice than Hopkins House vs. Broadview. A number of factors make the Bradford, Ivy and Homewood apartments different from any others.

First of all, university-owned housing is not two more years of dorm life. As a junior or senior in university-owned housing, you won't have any RA to hide your liquor from or run to when you fight with your roommate. Also, university-owned apartments don't have the social, dormy feel of the AMRs, or even Wolman and McCoy; you probably won't know most of the people on your floor if you choose university housing.

However, there are a few advantages to living in a building filled only with other students. You won't feel guilty about playing music after 9 p.m. or have to shush your guests if you have a party on a Saturday night. This isn't a ticket to bother your fellow apartment dwellers any time you

want, but in general you'll be free from the town/gown clashes that can trouble residents of non-university-owned buildings.

One other nice thing about university housing is that the Wolman Housing Office is often more accommodating (gasp!) to student needs than other landlords. Your rent goes on your tuition, so that's one less bill you have to worry about every month. Also, university housing residents can stay on the Hopkins meal plan if they want to, although of course there are a lot of excellent reasons for deciding to opt out of this unique perk.

Thinking about studying abroad or taking a semester off? Only university-owned apartments let you sign a six-month lease or break a yearlong lease for academic reasons without a penalty. Your only other option is to try to find a sublessee, or leave that problem to your housemates.

Another unique benefit of university housing is the protection of campus security. Laugh all you want, but it's nice to know that your building is regularly pa-

trolled. Theft can be a real problem in some apartments (this goes super quadruple for row houses, although there can be problems in lower-scale apartment buildings as well). The Homewood did suffer a few break-ins soon after it reopened, but security now maintains a constant post inside the building.

Of course, all these conveniences don't count for much unless the apartments themselves are nice places to live. As living spaces, the university-owned apartments are adequate, but small. In general, you will pay more money for less space in university housing (although the prices of other apartments can be deceptively low if you don't factor in utilities). The efficiency apartments in the Bradford and the new Homewood, in particular, are minuscule; don't sign up for one if you are prone to claustrophobia. One nice option, found few other area apartments, is furnished living spaces; the furniture will send you visions of Wolman and McCoy, but it's adequate for student needs.

Housing lottery:

The step-by-step process for securing a pad

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Remember the simplicity of selecting housing for freshman year? Your choice consisted of deciding which building you preferred to live in, and whether you would live in a double. The people you lived with could be wonderful, or they could be freaks; in any case, you had no choice in the matter, unless you had met and agreed to live with someone you already knew.

Choosing housing sophomore year, in contrast, is a bit more involved. Instead of not knowing who — or what — you'll be living with in the coming year, groups of one to four people are registered at the AMRII Housing Office. Those who don't register are simply left as singles. All members of the group sign an agree-

ment that they all consent to living together.

After this step in the process, the group is randomly assigned a number. This determines in what order they choose where they will live. In previous years, and at other colleges across the country, this system is a bit different — students, instead of groups, are assigned numbers. Unfortunately, this can lead to some ugliness between friends.

"Instead of guessing who your friends are, there is only one decision to make: who to live with. Then, students can concentrate on where they want to live," said Angel.

This change in the process was implemented for last year's sophomore class after a student committee came together to find a way that was easier and less stressful for students. By changing the system, there are definitely fewer stresses. "It was nice not having to worry about people wanting to live with you because of your number," said Sarah Thomas, a junior.

After numbers are assigned, there is a designated day when all students will choose their housing. On this day, according to the number that is chosen, blocks of time will be assigned for students to show up, so the common areas of AMRI, where the event is held, will not become too crowded. During this time, what rooms are still available, and floor plans for the buildings will be available so students can choose what rooms they prefer from what remains. In addition to the floor plans available on the day of signing up for housing, a website is usually posted with detailed floor plans of all the campus residence halls.

What happens if you don't want to live in university housing? There are only a few exceptions to this rule. The exemption process only accommodates those with a Greek exemption, which require coordination earlier than when groups are chosen, and commuters. Only a very small number of people are excused from completing the residency requirement. If they feel they've got some extraordinary circumstance they may be excused from University housing, but such circumstances are rare. Before the process really even begins, though, students will be thoroughly informed of their possible choices, and any other details in the process. In the past, lunchtime tables are set up at both dining halls with information about sophomore housing to answer any questions this year's freshmen might have about how they will find a room for next year.

Off-campus housing office lends a hand

By Cara Gitlin

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There comes a time in the life of every undergraduate when he or she has to say good-bye to the security of the AMRs and McCoy and venture off-campus. Many have no idea where to begin. That is where the Off-Campus Housing Office comes in.

Located in Wolman Hall, the office is full of information of every kind about the process of renting an apartment. There are tips about furniture, security escorts, insurance, leases, and anything else you could possibly wonder about. Miller Roberts manages the office of non-university housing.

When you enter the off-campus housing office, you will find that it is equipped with computers. These computers are hooked up to the web site sponsored by the JHU Housing Department. The website, <http://www.jhu.edu/~auxent/offcampus>, which has been running for about three years, is mostly "descriptions of apartments in the general area," said Carol Mohr, Director of Off-Campus Housing. It allows you to select a variety of criteria and find listings that match all or any of the selected categories. You can



FILE PHOTO

The Off-Campus Housing Office is located in Wolman.

decide upon price range, proximity to campus, kitchen size, pets, parking, yard, and others. Once you find an apartment that appeals to you, you can request the landlord's name to inquire about it further. Landlord information is not available on the site itself so as to insure it is used only by JHU students.

Since many upperclassman have cars, which allow them the luxury of moving further from campus, the office also has a collection of moving information and newspaper listings of apart-

ments all over.

Spring is also the time the room selection process begins for the on-campus housing and Ivy, Bradford, and Homewood. This past year there were 77 spaces designated as sophomore housing in the Bradford, which gives sophomores an option besides Wolman and McCoy.

The housing office prepares freshman with information sessions and distributes housing information at the end of February. At the same time they are preparing sophomores for the transi-

tion off-campus, letting them know.

Another service the office provides is the On Your Own fair, held in the spring. The office invites managers of apartment buildings to be available to talk with students. There are also booths set up to provide information about the community and the services provided.

There are a few types of model leases in the office for students to look over. Students can look over these leases to familiarize themselves with the provisions of a typical lease and to know what to expect before signing the real thing. There also are folders full of advice about short-term housing, furniture rental, and maps.

The office primarily operates as a clearinghouse for information, said Mohr.

One of the office's main goal "to get a lot of this information to the students so they understand [what they are entering into] before there is a problem," said Mohr, who continued, "We give advice about how to go about looking and where to begin."

The office refers any sort of legal problem to Baltimore Neighborhoods, Inc., an organization that governs landlord-tenant issues.

Alumni Memorial Residences

3400 NORTH CHARLES STREET, 410-516-7960

By Liz Steinberg

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Alumni Memorial Residences, known as the AMRs, are notable for being stereotypical freshmen housing. If you're in pursuit of the "true college experience," it doesn't get any better than this. If you actually want some amenities, well, you might want to look somewhere else. That, and a big part of being stereotypical freshmen housing is the fact that the AMRs are housed

mostly by freshmen.

AMR rooms are small by most standards. Most residents find themselves in doubles, with a bed, a desk, a dresser, and an armoire apiece. Singles are available in limited quantity. The rooms come with no decoration, so the opportunities for personalization are endless. The burlap walls can either be treated as cheap wallpaper or a primer for a more interesting layer of posters and pictures of your liking. With a rug and some form of decoration, any room can

look quite homey. Otherwise, they just look like dorm rooms.

The best aspects of living in the AMRs are the opportunities that they offer for meeting people and bonding. Given the proximity to large quantities of other freshmen, it is easier to meet the neighbors and establish a friendly relationship than to avoid them altogether. In fact, despite the cramped living conditions, the presence of dozens of others in the same situation makes the experience worthwhile.

Aside from the social possibilities, AMR housing has the advantage of being no more than a seven-minute walk from every corner of the Homewood campus. This holds an obvious advantage in the face of 8 a.m. Monday morning sections or on any day in which a large writing assignment is due. The proximity to the majority of student activities negates the lack of available parking, as the parking situation ranges from slim to none. True, a car is a convenience, but is unnecessary for 95% of the activities AMR residents engage in. Given the lack of parking, a car may in fact be more of an inconvenience.

The AMRs are a very warm place to live. My hall is perpetually overheated, we the fan is always on, it is possible to wear summer clothing year-round within

the building, and we have affectionately nicknamed our bathroom "the tropics." However, despite the overwhelming warmth prevalent throughout the majority of the building, some rooms actually have a more temperate climate. In the winter, that is. Come summertime, or early fall, as most AMR residents and former residents fondly recall, the AMRs are quite toasty, given the lack of air conditioning. So bring a fan.

Maintenance within the AMRs consists of calling the housing office and waiting for the problem to be repaired. The plus side of this situation is that we, as residents, are not responsible for maintaining our "apartments." Not only does this include regular maintenance, but also the cleaning of the bathrooms. Yes, they do that for us too. No, no one does laundry or vacuums the rug. That's still our responsibility.

The minus side of maintenance is that there is no guarantee as to when, and how quickly, problems will be fixed. And, depending on the nature of the damage or problem, as in the case of vandalism, the entire dorm may find itself splitting the cost of the repair.

The freshman quad is home to the only beach-volleyball court in the region, and actually attracts students from various local campuses. The two minute walk from

RENT SCALE:

Furnished only	
Efficiency	\$6480/Yr
1 Bedroom	\$8700/Yr
Shared 2,3,4 BR	
with roommates	\$4800-6060/Yr

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

None

RESTRICTIONS:

No alcohol, No pets, Periodic Room Checks

RECREATIONAL

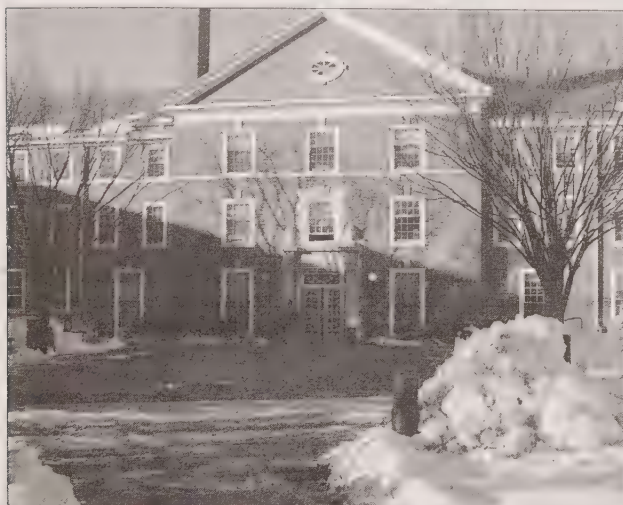
FACILITIES:

TV Rooms
Small Exercise Facilities

the AMRs to the athletic center is another definite bonus, unless you wish to find an excuse for not working out, in which case it could be a problem.

Other non-academic opportunities within AMR living include a TV room and various student lounges with no less than one ping-pong table, a pool table, a foosball table, and an array of couches. There is also a small workout room for added convenience within the basement of the AMRs.

Overall, no one is going to move back into the AMRs for a second year stay. However, the AMRs make for a very reasonable housing possibility for us fledglings just out of the nest. Hey, it's not an impressive living environment, but it's convenient, affordable, and most importantly, part of the college experience.



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Look cozy? With no other options, the AMRs are where it's at.

The Bradford

3301 ST. PAUL STREET, 410-516-7960

By Paul Johnson

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I had a lot of fun while living in the Bradford. It is conveniently located near campus which was always a plus when I was in a rush.

RENT SCALE:

Furnished only	
Efficiency	\$6480/Yr
1 Bedroom	\$8700/Yr
Shared 2,3,4 BR	
with roommates	\$4800-6060/Yr

AMENITIES:

Central A/C & Heating
Cable Ready
24-hr Emergency maintenance and security

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

None

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets

PARKING

Garage with fee
Street parking with City permit

The fact that it's located so close to campus is also nice, because if you're out partying or studying at the library you don't feel afraid to walk home.

However, despite the fact that the building is well-lit, a number of sketchy characters can be found outside of it at all times of day. Also the fact that it's across from RoFo (which gets held up often) is a definite minus in my book.

The fact that all your neighbors are Hopkins students is a definite benefit. This comes in handy when you're throwing parties since you don't have to worry about your neighbors complaining about the noise.

Another advantage of living in the Bradford is that it's right by Charles Village. So if you want to grab something to eat at Donna's, Rocky Run, or CVP you're set. Also, if you want to do a little food shopping you can always stop by Eddie's which has reasonable prices despite the low selection.

Speaking of food shopping, a really big advantage of living in

the Bradford is the fact that you don't have to be on the meal plan. This is really nice if another year of Terrace/Wolman food doesn't appeal to you (and I hope it doesn't).

And yet, if you're looking for an ultra-modern, ultra-chic building in which to live the Bradford is definitely not where you should be looking. The building itself is pretty ghetto and the elevators take forever to get where they're going. In addition, the rooms are abysmally small. Granted, coming out of the AMRs, they may seem really big, but almost any other apartment building in Baltimore has larger rooms.

The two-bedroom apartments have this cool little bar area which is always fun when having a party or just a few friends over for a few drinks. The efficiencies are pretty small, but the one-bedroom apartments are pretty nice. If you're the type of person who likes to be alone and have plenty of space then I would definitely recommend a one-bedroom apartment in the Bradford.

And keep in mind that the walls at the Bradford are really thin. If your common area is near your bedroom it would probably be a good idea to set the record straight

about noise-making early on in the year so your roommates don't keep you awake when trying to sleep or disturb your studying, or, um, other activities you'd be doing with the door closed.

One reason to choose the Bradford over many other apartment buildings is that it's furnished. That means that Mommy and Daddy won't have to spend lots of money on a U-Haul for all your Ikea furniture.

One large disadvantage of living in the Bradford, however, is that it is really anti-social. I was completely disillusioned when I moved in because I was expecting it to be like my friends' dorms in McCoy. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Although you have RAs, their dorm events usually aren't very well-attended. Ergo, the RAs don't put too much effort into them and you wind up going to an MSE symposium while your



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So close to Wolman/McCoy, yet so far away.

friends in Wolman and McCoy are going shopping at Tyson's Corner. You definitely have to make an effort to be social when you're living in the Bradford.

Overall, however, in spite of the disadvantages of living in the Bradford, I had a really good experience there and if I had to do it all over again I would have definitely chosen to live in the Bradford for another year.

Homewood Apartments

3003 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-516-7961

By Shannon Shin

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Living in the Homewood isn't like living in a rowhouse or any other apartment. The truth of the matter is there is no other hassle-free housing in Baltimore. We're all college students, and we all have tons on our minds without having to worry about house repairs, fighting with the landlord, or paying bills on time. By living in the Homewood Apartments, you can banish such concerns.



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With Hopkins Square retail almost complete, the Homewood is looking to be some prime real estate these days.

Life in the Homewood is simple. First of all, the University owns the apartment building, so problems are addressed in a timely manner. In the past, I've had to call maintenance three times, and on all three occasions the problems were fixed within four hours. I doubt if anyone living in a rowhouse could claim such a swift repair unless they paid out of pocket or had to fix it themselves. And we're too busy with college life to worry about house repairs. Plus, the time spend just

convincing a landlord that there is a problem makes me glad to know that I can have most any problem taken care of in the Homewood.

As for utilities, we Homewooders don't have to pay since our rent includes it. What does this mean? It means that you can leave the water or electricity running all night on a whim. Not that you would, but you could and wouldn't be penalized. The only bill you'll have to pay is your phone bill, which isn't bad since the University gets good rates and passes them along to the students. Students living in the Homewood also have the option of getting cable through the local cable company. All apartments are pre-wired for cable, so there is little hassle involved in the installation of premium visual entertainment.

Like freshman and sophomore years, housing and tuition are figured together and when totalled equals the yearly bill. So, paying for housing is mostly upon the shoulders of your parents. Thus, students need not worry about rent checks or roommates who might miss payments. And though some complain about a dorm-like atmosphere, it isn't necessarily true. My roommate and I share a two-bed and two-bath apartment that came unfurnished, so we bought furniture and spruced up the joint and it looks just like any other apart-

ment. A majority of the apartments come furnished, though, which saves students from having to purchase furniture and bring it home. And the furnished apartments do have dorm furniture in them, but again it's convenient and cheaper. Plus, we have the added benefit of that college-necessity called ethernet. Ah, the joys of ethernet. Why tie up a phone line or go to the HAC lab, when you could have glorious ethernet in your home?

There is a clause in the contract about pets being against university policy, but there are a few pets to be found in various apartments throughout the building. I myself was the proud owner of two fish and two frogs until they all died before the end of last semester. But, at least that saved me from having to find a petsitter.

Location-wise, Homewood is ideal. It's located adjacent to campus and the shuttle stops one block away. Since the campus is so close, one can afford to hit the snooze button once more than can the average rowhouse resident. Not only that, but just behind the Homewood, there is a block where one can find restaurants, a grocery store and a banking center. And if that isn't good enough, the bottom floor of the Homewood is currently home to a record store, coffee shop, and hair salon, with a Ruby Tuesday's and Blimpie on its way. And though the Homewood is lo-

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency: \$5850-6960/year
1 Bedroom: \$8040-9340/year
2 Bedroom: \$5435-6510/year
3 Bedroom: \$4720-5740/year
4 Bedroom: \$4190-5160/year

AMENITIES:

Ethernet, Cable in lounges, VCR

UTILITIES:

Included

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets.

PARKING:

Whatever is available on the street

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Small game/exercise room in the basement

cated in a generally safe area, there are still security guards observing the entrance 24 hours a day and HopCops patrolling the area within and without the apartment building.

So, I tell you all that the housing lottery is a hassle, but it's well worth it. Here I am with my roommate living in a large apartment where we each have our own bedroom and bathrooms. Lucky for us, we got a number in the top ten. But even those who got what seemed terrible numbers have fared well. Any apartment in the Homewood is great for the various reasons I've mentioned. But the best reason is that there is good water pressure. None of that wussy drizzly water drippage, but a good spray without being so strong as to hurt.

Ivy Hall

10-12 E. 33RD STREET, 410-516-7960

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Everyone who lives in sophomore housing knows what they like most about it: decent-sized suites, maintenance that takes less than a week to fix problems, rela-

RENT SCALE:

4 Bedroom: \$5050-5510/year

AMENITIES:

Ethernet, cable in lounges, laundry room in basement

UTILITIES:

Included

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets

PARKING:

Street parking

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

tively strong security, and, of course, ethernet access. Well, you know what? You can find the same features in Ivy Hall.

Don't wet your pants just yet, though. You also get stuck with almost the same rent as the dorms, there's no elevator, and it's much smaller than the dorms. Ivy only has rooms for 48 people in total, and you really only have the chance to associate with your three apartment-mates.

Ivy is a two-building, university-owned apartment complex. There are four floors in each building. The first floor has the laundry room and mailboxes; the other three floors have two apartments each. Within each apartment is a central living room, four bedrooms, two bathrooms, and a kitchen. The kitchen opens up to the fire escape (which is where the garbage is located, to be picked up almost daily).

The kitchen has a normal-sized refrigerator, an oven and

stove, a really small sink, and some cabinet space. The bathrooms and the bedroom furniture are no different from their Wolman counterparts.

The main problem with Ivy is bringing your stuff (and yourself) in and out. There's no elevator, so when you have to get the computer up to your second, third, or fourth floor apartment, guess how you gotta get it there? Yup, that's right, the old-fashioned way: stairs. Lack of elevator is probably the biggest complaint you'll get from me.

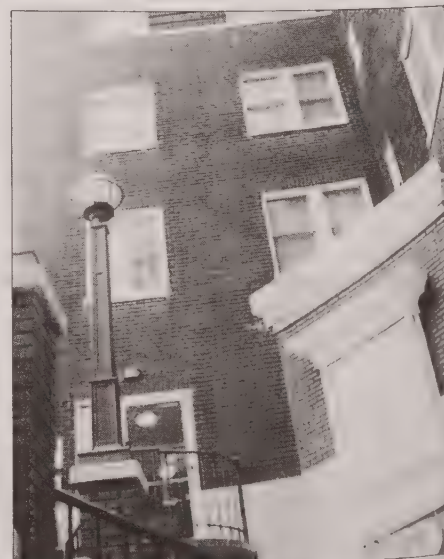
The location of Ivy is nearly ideal. You have easy access to campus (it's about 15 seconds farther from Gilman than Wolman or McCoy), and spur-of-the-moment shopping is easy due to the fact that it's directly above Royal Farms, and right across the street from the Mini-Mart. And arguably the greatest thing about the location is the corner where Ivy is located. The corner is frequented for a reason even more popular than WaWa parties; it's the greatest spot in the area to catch a cab.

On the downside, your windows can potentially look out over

St. Paul (not bad scenery-wise, but it's pretty noisy), the alleyway behind PJ's, the WaWa house, or the fire escape (don't open your window; it gets pretty stinky with all the garbage there). The building is also right above Royal Farms, home of the weekly Great Convenience Store Robbery. But I've never been shot, so it's not all bad.

In terms of security, it works pretty well. The access card thing, while annoying at times, is effective security. And with so few people living there (24 in each building), you don't get the "we're-drunk-so-let's-set-off-the-fire-alarm-at-4-a.m." problem.

When all is said and done, the



FILE PHOTO

At the Ivy, your neighbors will be WaWa.

gripes are minor points (except for the phone thing). Ivy comes out on top, between cleanliness, attractiveness, proximity to campus and the rest of the known world, and, of course, ethernet. If you can get in, go for it, but definitely don't count on it, because it's a small building. Comfy-cozy.

McCoy Hall

3339 N. CHARLES STREET, 415-516-7960

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Going far back, into the mists of time, I can pluck out many memories from my days as a freshman. One of these in particular was the peculiar experience of sleeping one night in the Doubletree Inn and the next in a burlap-lined shoebox in the AMRs. Granted, we grew to love that shoebox, but by the end of

RENT SCALE:

Single room: \$6155/year
Double room: \$4875/year

AMENITIES:

Ethernet, TV, VCR, cable in lounges, laundry facilities.

UTILITIES:

Included

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets, no alcohol, periodic room checks.

PARKING:

Street parking

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Pool table, exercise room.

the year, having discovered the extent of the mouse problem, we knew that it was time to move on. We looked forward with our eager young eyes to a white-walled, carpeted palace, with air-conditioning, a bathroom and something that might almost be called a kitchen. Truly, sophomore year would be our salad days.

Of course, reality has a way of kicking in eventually. McCoy is a great place to live, but it has its drawbacks.

The first things to go over in assessing sophomore housing are the differences between the two dorms. Granted, Wolman has the mailroom, a dining hall and (snicker) the Depot, but these aren't necessarily the great advantages they may seem to be. You may be thinking to yourself, "But with Wolman Station right downstairs, I don't have to get dressed or put a jacket on to go eat." Well, first off, if you need to put a jacket on to walk across the street, you have problems that no amount of housing advice will solve. Secondly, you may be able to have breakfast in your PJs, but you'd better put some shoes on. I've seen people kicked out of the Depot, where no food preparation takes place, for having only socks on,

so just imagine the consequences if you stepped into Wolman Station in your bare tootsies.

So, Wolman's advantages having been summarily disposed of, let's talk about McCoy's advantages. Advantage, rather. Our rooms are normal-shaped. Wolman's are funny-looking. McCoy has nice, respectable, rectangular rooms, without weird projections or weird angles. I've been in one Wolman room that's triangular. Triangular, for the love of God! It just isn't civilized. That having been said, my experience living in McCoy has been good so far.

We get lots of light (this is important; school-supplied lighting hasn't improved since our AMR days) through our three windows, and although the second floor doesn't exactly have much of a view, we can look out at the people loitering outside Wolman if we really want to. We have all the climate control you could ask for, from blistering heat to numbing cold, and the built-in system can be supplemented (at the risk of secondhand smoke from the steps below) by throwing open the windows the few inches allowed by the braces installed in the upper frame. The kitchen, in addition to supplying plentiful running



FILE PHOTO

McCoy is supposedly quieter than Wolman. You be the judge.

water and a fridge that almost fits a carton of milk, also provides limitless cooking opportunities. I myself have made eggs several times (just so you don't think we're total culinary illiterates, my roommate made some sort of a chicken stir-fry type of a thing once).

McCoy can seem a bit fortresslike at times, though. Access card panels are dotted here and there at strategic points, there's a security guard downstairs 24-7, and we're behind a suite door and a

room door. It can make visiting friends seem a little like breaking into Fort Knox, particularly with the (inexplicable) relegation of universal access to certain hours of the evening.

All in all, McCoy has put a roof over our heads, a chicken in every pot (or at least a place to put a pot into which you could theoretically put a chicken) and provided us with the swingiest bachelor pad we could have asked for from University housing.

Wolman Hall

3401 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-516-7960

By Sheryl Kane

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

All things considered, Wolman is a pretty nice place to live. After a year in the AMRs, Wolman seems palatial by comparison — carpeting, air conditioning, and a kitchenette/bathroom shared with only three other people. Room and suite sizes vary greatly, ranging from under 140 to over 200 square feet for a double, but most are larger than those in the AMRs, and they tend to look and feel much more welcoming. All suites house four people in either a single-single-double or double-double-combo, and all have a bathroom with one sink, shower, and toilet, plus a kitchenette that comes with a two-burner rangetop and a small refrigerator.

Where food is concerned, Wolman residents are pretty much set. The meal plan is mandatory but access is easy, with Wolman Station and the Depot both located on the ground floor. In addition, budding chefs can bring their own kitchenware and cook all they like, provided they only need two pots at a time. The lack of an oven and counter space

is something of a problem, but the only Hopkins-owned buildings with better cooking facilities are the Bradford and the Ivy, which only the lottery elite are likely to get into.

Ah, the housing lottery. In general, sophomores prefer all other options to Wolman, mainly because Wolman is being overrun by freshmen. For frosh, Wolman is a comfortable but not necessarily social environment; upperclassmen all have their own friends, and not many people leave their doors open to encourage random chats. For sophs, Wolman is where you live if you can't get into McCoy. While the two buildings have similar suite setups and facilities, McCoy is almost 100% sophomores, which makes the atmosphere more conducive to socialization. Groups of friends with good lottery numbers stake out suites on the same floor, so that everyone knows everyone and the lounge is often just an extension of friends' common areas. In Wolman, this doesn't happen. Most sophomores don't plan to live here, so friends rarely end up anywhere near each other, and many



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The views from the higher Wolman floors are phenomenal.

Wolmanites prefer to hang out in McCoy with their lottery-luckier pals.

But there are advantages to Wolman; nice suites have larger common areas, bathrooms, and bedrooms than the less-desirable McCoy accommodations, and upper-floor rooms on the west side have gorgeous views of the Beach (as well as up to five sides and six windows, which makes furniture arrangement a real challenge). If you have a fairly low lottery number, a choice Wolman suite may be better than settling for the last reject open in McCoy, especially when four prospective suitemates don't want to split up

and there are no intact suites left anywhere in McCoy.

As far as service goes, Wolman and McCoy are indistinguishable. Furniture is provided, but you'll want extra lamps and shelves or drawers. The janitorial staff cleans the lounge and delivers toilet paper (though never, for most girls, enough); you're responsible for everything else, including your own cleaning supplies. If something goes drastically wrong, like your ceiling leaking and bits falling down during an inconvenient hurricane, maintenance staff will respond immediately and patch things up temporarily. More permanent repairs — patching the

RENT SCALE:

Single room: \$6155/year
Double room: \$4875/year

AMENITIES:

Ethernet, TV, VCR, cable in lounges

UTILITIES:

Included

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets, etc.

PARKING:

Street parking

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Small game/exercise room in the basement

leak outside, replastering and painting the ceiling — take longer and generally require a few phone calls down to the Housing Office. The air conditioner works well, the heating system less so. In addition, the windows are poorly insulated and drafty, which can make for a very chilly room no matter how high you crank up the heat.

Overall, I've enjoyed my stay in Wolman. Though vastly overpriced compared to nearby apartments, it's a decent place to live while you're still in the Hopkins housing system.

CHARLES VILLAGE

Chillin' in the Village: Balto's college town

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Charles Village has definitely improved in the last few years. There are actually a few places to go other than PJ's Pub now — two new coffee bars have surfaced near 31st Street, and the Record and Tape Traders at the Homewood means that you can pick up a CD single on your way to class. It's almost like living in a commercial area.

And, yet, Charles Village is still a far cry from a college town. The dearth of shops is striking, especially when you consider the affluence of many of the students who live here. If you came to school to get the Penn-State-students-rule experience: Too bad.

Moving off-campus will not be just like living in McCoy with the rent due every month — which is a great bonus. Charles Village is a true neighborhood with all sorts of residents, not just students.

Getting a place off-campus in Charles Village probably means living in a building with many older residents. (The Marylander and University One, for instance, are both notorious for having quite a few elderly tenants.) After two years in the dorms, this can be a bit of a shock. Yes, you'll talk to the "old timers." It might be awkward at first, but, trust me, eventually you'll feel a greater sense of community. It's actually nice to talk to someone who isn't talking on a cell phone and rushing off to class. Honestly, the relationship between the elderly and students in the area can get a

bit antagonistic at times, but on the whole, it's not something to be afraid of.

After only a few months living in Charles Village, you'll get to know the friendly shopkeepers, the homeless people (who are not nearly as present as they once were in the area) and your neighbors. You'll quickly develop your own personal attitude towards the homeless who pop up down a good portion of St. Paul Street. For many Hopkins students, this attitude starts out as compassion but becomes a hardened dismissal.

Unarguably the most important people to know are the shopkeepers. Most of the stores in the area are run by locals who are more than willing to talk to you about the weather, local news or even medical school applications. This kind of friendly small talk is almost completely absent in Guilford.

However, the crime in Charles Village is much worse than that of Guilford. Almost everyone I know who lives in a rowhouse has been robbed at least once, and the university even recommends that you don't use the NationsBank ATM on St. Paul Street at night. No matter what some students boast, it can get a bit scary in the area in the dark, so it's best to take the shuttle when it gets late.

A great selling point of Charles Village is that it really does start to feel like a "village" after a while. The streets of rowhouses are not nearly as imposing as the high rises of many cities — it's actually cute. Guilford's huge apartment buildings feel icy cold in com-



FILE PHOTO

If you're a resident of Charles Village you've most likely made your share of visits to this shop.

parison.

So, if you're looking for a sense of community with shops around the corner and don't mind a little extra danger, Charles Village might be the place for you. Don't forget to hit the farmer's market on Saturday mornings, and travel into Greenmount (during the day) for cheap books and sneakers.

Shopping Around

If you move into a place in Charles Village and you don't have a car, expect to get acquainted with Eddie's real quick. They have a large selection of grocery items considering the size of the store, and the sandwiches they can make for you are heavenly. (Get a Smokin' Jay tomorrow. Trust me.) The only problem with Eddie's is that it's a lot more expensive than SuperFresh or Giant, so if you can get over to the Rotunda, there's little reason to shop at Eddie's.

Other places to eat near Eddie's are C.C. Carryout and Orient Express. C.C. Carryout looks much nicer since its recent facelift, but the food is still pretty greasy. The Korean food there, however, is a little known treasure. The News-Letter strongly endorses its favorite Orient Express dish: OE beef and broccoli. Yum! There are good and bad selections at OE, but it's usually a good bet for take-out after a tough day of classes.

There are plenty of other St.

Paul Street options. Sam's Bagel's will always be a popular place to get a bagel and coffee between classes. The service at Sam's can get slow at times, but there's generally a wide range of bagels. Rocky Run employs and serves a large portion of the Hopkins student body, bringing Charles Village nachos with their beer. If you're feeling like some balsamic vinaigrette on your salad and a shot of mint in your mocha, try the beautifully decorated Donna's on the corner.

The two standards in the area remain Tamber's and the Charles Village Pub. Tamber's serves mediocre Indian food and the hands-down best blue cheese burger in the country. CVP actually offers a whole range of nice sandwiches and feels more like a community bar than its neighbors.

Silk Road Cafe is a great place to sit down for a warm lunch. (Did you know that they serve green tea ice cream?) And Niwana remains a favorite with Hopkins students for its well-prepared Japanese meals.

For odds and ends, Royal Farms and the University Mini-Mart provide an array of late night snacks. Royal Farms stays open all night (the Mini-Mart closes around midnight), but don't try to buy anything there with a 20 dollar bill. It will probably take you about fifteen minutes to get a Mini-Mart sandwich, but they're large and tasty.

If you need duct tape or extras, there are other options. The

Hopkins Store is still open, although it's hidden on 32nd. Look for the Coca-Cola sign across from C.C. Carryout.

If you're 21 and want to pick up a few beers, you have two choices, essentially. Eddie's Liquors, located right next to the grocery store, sells a variety of beers and even kegs as well as fine liquors. If you're interested in getting a case of Beast to wash down a Friday night pizza, Eddie's could be a bit expensive.

The Schnapp Shop at 30th and Calvert (under the Peabody Apartments) is a bit cheaper. This area could be unsafe if you're by yourself at night, so be careful. Oh, and the Schnapp Shop sells ping-pong balls. I'm not kidding. Check it out.

The one place in Charles Village that no one can agree on is the only 24 diner in the area — the Paper Moon. If it's three in the morning and you're hungry, you'll be eating here on Howard Street. The décor consists of barbie dolls and mannequin torsos, the food is vastly over-priced, and the waiters stick rigidly to their \$5 minimum order rules. Annoying. But if you don't have a car, this is it.

And of course, there's always PJ's Pub. It's right under the Charles apartments, so you'll run into someone you know there. Trust me. Go on Monday for their wings special (although they use a way too much sauce). Enjoy the noise and filth and the smell of spilt beer somewhere other than a frat party.

CHAZ: WEIGHING THE OPTIONS

Pros:

- Video American rocks!
- The village hosts the best parade in Baltimore every year.
- Community atmosphere is top.
- There are several nice coffee shops nearby.
- You can buy almost anything you want within a reasonable walking distance (if you're willing to pay too much for it).
- Most of the apartment buildings in the area are way close to campus.
- More bars.

Cons:

- The crime sucks.
- Sketchy people hang out on your front steps pretending to live in your building.
- Just try finding a place to park around there.
- \$5 minimum order at the Paper Moon? What's that all about?
- Sam's Bagel's has declined in quality of service and selection over the past few years.
- Eddie's is way too expensive.
- For some reason, no one in the area curbs their dogs. Yuck!

The Allston Apartments

3111 NORTH CHARLES STREET, 410-752-7300

By Michael Sachdev

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

A year ago, when I told people I lived in the Allston, at 3111 N. Charles St., they invariably said "where's that?" or "is that an apartment building or a house?"

RENT SCALE:

1 bedroom	\$475
2 bedroom	\$675
3 Bedroom	\$750
4 Bedroom	\$835

AMENITIES:

Heat,
hot water,
laundry facilities in basement

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Gas, electric

RESTRICTIONS:

None

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

PARKING

Street parking with City permit

With only about 20 apartments in the building, it's no wonder so few people had heard of it. But times have changed. Since last year, so many students have moved into the building that it seems everyone now knows where the Allston is. In fact, I once heard someone explain where Xando is by saying the coffee bar is a block south of the Allston.

Little has changed since last year, and given the influx of students, there is just no excuse for this. The landlord has not done much to spruce up the building this year. I think they painted the hallways a few months ago, but the building is so drab, it was hardly noticeable.

But there are some definite advantages to living in the Allston, and these are the reasons why I've lived here for two years.

I wanted a single, and anyone looking for a single knows one thing: you're going to pay through the nose for it. This isn't true at the Allston, where I have a very small two-bedroom apartment which I use as a roomy single. For \$400 a month I get two rooms, each about 14 square feet, a small bathroom and a very nar-

row kitchen.

And the Allston's rates get better for even bigger apartments. Three and four bedroom apartments are also available. Rent for three bedroom apartments runs in the \$500s, and four bedrooms go for about \$800 a month. In short, rent at 3111 N. Charles St. is cheap.

But like most things, you get what you pay for. The building is old, so the floors and walls aren't the nicest.

My hardwood floors have a lot of scratches and didn't look particularly elegant even after I spent an afternoon waxing them with oil soap. The wall in my front hallway is covered with the ugliest wallpaper I've ever seen, and the off-white paint in my rooms is peeling off the walls.

The sinks and bathtub drain slowly, and the kitchen sink emits light brown water for the first few seconds after it's been turned on.

I consider myself lucky that the toilet flushes.

I like to think my apartment has character.

Amenities are few. Like at most buildings, tenants get heat and hot water for free, but pay for gas



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The Allston will give you a prime view of Charles Street.

and electric.

The laundry room is in the building's unfinished basement, and for a two dollars a load, a buck for the washer and another for the dryer, you get the privilege of using the oldest, nastiest machines on earth. I do my laundry at McCoy.

In addition, students looking for satellite dishes, ethernet, a health club, or anything like that should definitely look elsewhere.

I shouldn't be so mean in describing the building. Anytime I've ever had a problem, my landlord has been prompt about fixing it. In addition, they painted my bathroom last year (without me asking for it). The hallway floors on the top two floors were replaced last year (good thing, because it was ugly as hell).

The landlord is also really cool about letting tenants paint. I hated the creamy white walls in my bedroom, so I went to Builder's Square and picked up a gallon of blue paint. Now my bedroom looks awesome. I have posters and signs up everywhere (mostly to hide the ugly wallpaper in my front hallway), and my landlord doesn't care about those, either.

Basically, there seems to be a really good landlord-tenant relationship at the Allston.

Speaking of my landlord, the rental office is downtown, on Madison St. This poses a small inconvenience when you want to get an application or sign lease papers. In addition, there's a \$25 application fee, and the office requires a security deposit equal to the first month's rent. It's not a big deal, but having to travel downtown for that kind of stuff is

a pain.

Another big problem with the Allston is parking. There's a parking lot in the back, but it has about four spots, and they're usually taken. You have to buy a permit for them from the landlord, but good luck getting a space. Worse yet, the front of the building has meters.

This is good from 6 p.m. on, since meters are only in effect until 6, but overnight parking is a pain since meters go into effect at 8 a.m. I hate getting up at 8 to move my car. There are a few permanent spots on 32nd Street, but good luck getting one.

Despite these flaws, there are two more reasons I really like the Allston.

First, it's a quirky place to live. There is a good mix of Hopkins undergrads, graduate students, recent grads and older people. The building isn't particularly loud, and if you have an apartment like mine, without a window to Charles St., it's actually very quiet.

The people are all friendly, even the older people. And this past year, with all these cool people moving in, we've been having a great time. It's like a party every weekend.

And the number one reason I like the Allston? They allow animals of any kind. I have a cat, and several other people in the building have animals as well.

But despite all these reasons for liking the Allston, most of us are moving out next year. We all feel that the building isn't nice enough ... although the rent is cheap, it's not cheap enough to warrant living in what we dubbed earlier this year "Crackhouse Part II."

The Blackstone

3215 NORTH CHARLES STREET, 410-235-8920

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

When my roommate and I were looking for apartments last spring, we decided to live as close to the sophomore dorms as we could. We were freshmen, and wanted to stay close to our friends. So, naturally, we looked at the Blackstone Apartments.

The Blackstone Apartments are located just across the street from campus, and in the commercial center of Charles Village. And being a student in the building is great, since almost all of the residents are students themselves. This makes it great for playing your radio loud or having friends over, as most of them will not complain about the noise. (The walls are also very soundproof, so you rarely hear your next-door neighbors anyway.)

It took approximately one month to get an apartment in the building, which is not unreasonable in comparison to other buildings. We live on the top floor, and have a great view of campus and beyond. The bedrooms are bigger than the ones we shared in AMR II, and our kitchen was fully renovated before we moved in (new stove, cabinets, fridge, and sink). The apartment has hardwood floors and

painted walls, and they, too, were redone before we moved in. The bathroom fixtures are all relatively new. Some of the windows in the building are in slight disrepair, but they are being replaced within the next few months.

Improvements made to the building this year include new carpeting in the hallways, repainted hallways, a new interior for the elevator, and a new lock on the front door. The previous garage doors were replaced by ones with remote locks last winter.

There are few major restrictions on the apartments themselves. Pets are only allowed upon the written approval of the landlord, and a fee must be paid. All maintenance repairs which the apartment needs (leaky faucet, etc.) will be done by the building's maintenance crew.

There are several phone jacks in the apartment (our two-bedroom apartment has four), so placing your phone(s) is not a problem.

There is a laundry room in the basement, and although it sometimes seems too small for all the residents, there is rarely a wait for a machine. There is also a dry cleaner's around the corner. The two restaurants in the building are great for those nights when you are

too busy or too lazy to cook something for yourself, and the location provides many other alternatives.

All in all, the Blackstone offers a great living environment, both in the building and in the surrounding area. It is comfortable to live in, reasonably priced, and centrally located to the majority of life's everyday needs — all things that students should be looking for.

RENT SCALE:

Studio	\$395
Efficiency	\$495
1 Bedroom	\$625-650
2 Bedroom	\$895-995
3 Bedroom	\$1195

AMENITIES:

Laundry room, Silk Road Café, Niwana

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electricity, cooking gas

DEPOSITS:

Security deposit, \$30 application fee

RESTRICTIONS:

Security deposit for small pets

PARKING

Garage (\$95/month), street

The Burford

3200 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-235-8000

By Rachel Sams

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Burford is a low-profile place — so much so that when you tell your friends where you're living, they're likely to snicker and say, "The what?"

But when they come to visit, they'll be sorry they laughed. Although the Burford isn't flashy by anyone's standards, the apartments are cheaper and more spacious than just about any in Charles Village.

Although our apartment is officially a two-bedroom, we use the dining room as a third bedroom, which allows us to split the already low rent (\$684 a month) three ways. This may sound like a less-than-ideal arrangement, but it's worked well for the two years I've lived there. The person who lives in the dining room actually gets a great deal — it's bigger than the actual bedrooms, and it has a little balcony.

Even with three of us in the apartment, we still have more than enough room. There's lots of closet space, and the pantry and kitchen are very roomy. We don't have a dishwasher and the countertops seem to have absorbed grit that's older than we are, but the cool glass doors on the kitchen cabinets make up for all that.

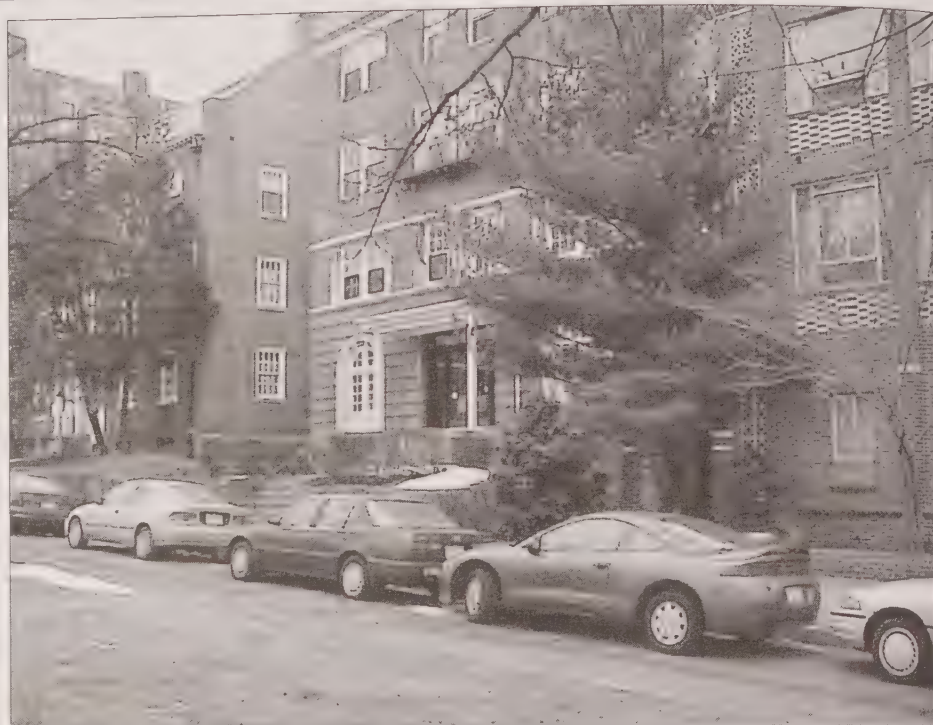
This brings me to the thing I like best about the Burford: It's

got personality. Other apartments in the area may be newer and shinier, but a lot of them have that bland, chain-hotel kind of feel. The Burford may creak, but its age gives it some charming idiosyncrasies.

For example, we have a dumbwaiter in our kitchen, which leads me to believe that the Burford had a past incarnation as an old-school hotel. Although the dumbwaiter is now non-functional, my upstairs neighbor believes it has potential as a trash chute. Then there's the big fireplace (also non-functional) with what appears to be toga-clad people on the molding. And the shiny hardwood floors.

But personality cuts both ways. The Burford has its dark side — literally. The old building doesn't seem so charming when our apartment is suddenly plunged into darkness because, say, we had both the microwave and the TV on, or two window air conditioners running at the same time. The situation can only be alleviated by running down to a closet in the basement and flipping some switches. Although this doesn't happen too frequently, it gets old fast, as you can imagine.

Then there's the temperature situation. Our apartment is heated by radiators, and for reasons I have yet to figure out, my



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Awww, come on. Who wouldn't want to live in such a cute, cozy building like the Burford?

roommates' bedrooms are always hot, while mine is always cold. Plus, I don't think the radiators in the living room and bathroom have come on more than once in all the time I've lived there.

Speaking of the bathroom, I deeply envy those people with shiny, easy-to-clean tile bathtubs. If you want to take a bath in our tub, you must first scrub it vigorously with an evil substance called "Lime-Away" which, apparently, can only be found in Ohio.

Two other less-than-ideal situations at the Burford are security and maintenance. Someone was robbed in the entryway of our building last year, and packages have been stolen from the hallway. In addition, the alley behind our building comes alive after dark with Charles Village nomads rummaging through the dumpster. While these situations seem tame compared with a lot of what goes on in Baltimore and even around Charles Village, they still make me a little nervous.

Last year the Burford had a change in ownership, and we have had mixed experiences with the new owners. For starters,

they don't have an office on the premises, and for a couple of months after the transfer of ownership, it was nearly impossible to get anyone from maintenance to come to our apartment or even return our calls.

In addition, there seem to be some crossed wires at the maintenance office. Once they sent workers to repaint our bathroom, which has needed to be done ever since we moved in. However, they neglected to tell us they were coming, and the painters moved all our stuff, in the process getting paint on my roommate's dress pants.

In the past few months, though, maintenance response has gotten quicker and the people in the office have been much more helpful — hopefully, the problems were just a result of the changeover.

The Burford is a nice mix of students and people who work for Hopkins or in Charles Village. The atmosphere is friendly, and there's a wonderful guy downstairs who's lived in the building for decades and will keep your packages for you if you're gone during the day.

The building itself is blessedly quiet, and while weekends (read: Wednesday through Saturday) can get a little rowdy with Pike and Wawa just around the corner, the noise level still can't compare to that of the AMRs.

Living in the Burford has the potential to enhance your academic performance as well. It's harder to justify not going to class when you're only a few steps away. You can't get much closer to campus without literally moving into the library.

I have to confess that I'm excited about the prospect of graduating and moving on to a dwelling with a shiny new bathroom and electrical wiring that allows me to use the microwave without having to turn off all the lights. But the Burford has been good to me, and there's no place in Charles Village that I'd rather live.

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$250-\$360
1 Bedroom	\$495-\$516
2 Bedroom	\$684
3 Bedroom	\$760

AMENITIES:

Heat,
hot water
Coin operated washer and dryer on premises
Maintenance staff on call 24 hours

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric, gas

DEPOSITS:

First month's rent,
One month security deposit
\$25 application fee

RESTRICTIONS:

No dogs,
smoking permitted in residents' apartments but not in common areas, elevator or laundry room

PARKING:

You're on your own, hon.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Ditto.



FILE PHOTO

The apartments in the Burford are lesser-known gems with lots of charm.

The Charles

3333 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-235-8920

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

There are three reasons to rent an apartment in the Charles: location, location, location. In fact, the only way you could get a more convenient living spot would be to pitch a tent on the Beach (a practice that most Hop Cops frown upon). With its favorable

placement smack-dab next to Wolman Hall, the Charles is perfect for those students who like to roll out of bed two minutes before class. The Charles is great for Hopkins students who want to move away from school housing, but not too far away.

Other than its ideal location, the Charles is a pretty standard apartment building. The apartment complex has varying sizes of doubles, singles, efficiencies, studios and the extremely rare triple. The singles, doubles, and triples are relatively spacious, with bedrooms, an entryway, a living room, a bathroom and a kitchen/dining area. The kitchen has the bare necessities: an oven and gas stove, a fridge, a sink (no

disposal) and cupboards. The kitchen spaces vary from closet-sized to normal-sized, so budding chefs might want to make sure that there is enough room for their culinary creations.

With 10 floors of apartments, the Charles is chock full of Hopkins graduate and undergraduate students. The management is friendly towards students, but they are especially friendly when those students arrive with their parents (and their parents' checkbooks). Since you'll need mom or dad's signature for the lease anyway, think about checking out the apartment when your parents are in town.

Part of the reason for the Charles's popularity is a little place called PJ's located in the basement. With your Charles rental, you'll have access to the back door of PJ's. Big deal. So does everybody else. The noise from PJ's can sometimes reach ruckus level, and vegetarians probably won't appreciate the smells of cheeseburgers and Buffalo wings that emanate from the bar.

Rats and cockroaches are scarce, and the higher floors are virtually pest free. Those looking

to solve any pest problem by purchasing a dog are out of luck, however. The Charles does not allow dogs (with very few exceptions), but cats are allowed in the building for a non-refundable pet fee of \$100. So, before you bring Fluffy back from home, decide whether she's worth the price.

The Charles has a laundry room with four washers and dryers, but don't count on that number. At least one washer is broken at all times, and the dryers have been known to run and run and run without stopping. The Charles's washers and dryers are a relatively affordable \$1 apiece. That is, if you can get a washer when you want one.

The maintenance workers in the Charles are extremely friendly, if not extremely prompt. I had to wait for a week for a new screen in my window, all the while trying to keep my cat from plunging to her death. Usually, however, the maintenance requests are filled within a few days. Other maintenance problems (such as no hot water or no heat) are usually fixed within one day and almost always just after you have endured a freezing cold shower.

Another maintenance prob-

RENT SCALE:

Studios	\$395-420
Efficiencies	\$480-595
1 Bedroom	\$625-695
2 Bedroom	\$895-995
3 Bedroom	\$1195

AMENITIES:

Microwave (studios only), laundry room

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electricity, cooking gas.

DEPOSIT:

Security, application fee (\$30)

RESTRICTIONS:

Small pets allowed with deposit

PARKING:

Lot available.

lem in the Charles is the oft-broken elevator. The Charles Apartments refurbished the notorious elevator a while back, but it's still a frightening, and not very attractive, ride.

Overall, the Charles is a nice building for students wishing to stay close to campus while still enjoying the comforts of apartment living.



The Dell House

2850 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-659-5810

By Alexa Roggeveen

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

I have to admit that my roommates and I initially moved into the Dell House for two reasons: It's cheap, and it has three-bedroom apartments. We don't intend to move when it's time to renew the lease for a second year — laziness prohibits it.

And, honestly, we don't have that many complaints with the apartment. Sure, there are some quirks that we could do without, but there are other positives that more than make up for them.

So I'll start with the positives. The view from our apartment is amazing.

This summer, we watched the fireworks from our balcony on the Fourth of July, and this winter we could watch Baltimore get blanketed in snow. Even Maryland's meager offering of autumn leaves looked impressive from the 15th floor.

In addition to the view, our apartment is filled with light. The windows, as you can see from the outside of the building, are from floor to ceiling. A little nerve-wracking when you've got a few drunk people over who might choose to lean too far over the not-so-sturdy railings, but it's light in our apartment even on the cloudiest days.

Other great things: There's ample closet space. We have a

double oven — sure, both ovens have to be the same temperature, but if you have a whole lot of cookies to bake, you can do it all at once. The cooking range is gas, which is great for cooking, even for those of us who just boil water for pasta.

The building itself has also undergone some improvements in the last couple of months.

The lobby, formerly kind of dingy and dirty looking, has been spiffed up with a paint job and new carpet. The hallways on every floor have received the same treatment — no more puke-yellow trim and doors.

The dial-up has been replaced, too. The elevators even seem to be working more efficiently than usual. Though they're still slow as molasses, for the last couple of months both elevators have been working reliably.

They recently replaced one of the washers in the basement and have repainted the hallway, making it a little less scary to wash your clothes.

Of course, the apartment isn't perfect. The water damage that occurred during the September hurricane still hasn't been repaired, making our apartment look like it's a little bit of *Good Times*. The shower knob in the main bathroom, which has been broken since the summer, has been rigged so that it works, but it has yet to be replaced with any-



FILE PHOTO

The Dell House offers large apartments at reasonable prices.

thing other than an attractive arrangement of washers and screws.

The windows — so wonderful in good weather — rattle like the world's coming to an end when it's windy.

Basically, maintenance stinks: Other repairs that we needed to have completed took weeks of persistence and a letter of disappointment sent to the rental office.

Another downside, something that the building managers cannot control, is the location.

While not the farthest abode from campus, the view of Wyman Park also means that one has to walk past it when

going to and from home — nerve-wracking, even though nothing has happened yet. It's very far from the Athletic Center and Bloomberg (what's close to Bloomberg?), but the walk isn't really that bad from the lower quad (good for engineers) or Charles Village.

Considering everything, the Dell House is an excellent choice for students — if you can stand some problems with maintenance. The low price, especially for three-bedroom apartments, is worth the extra calls for repairs. It's not the classiest place on earth, but it definitely does the job.

RENT SCALE:

2 Bedroom	\$785-\$845
3 Bedroom	\$940-1040
Penthouse (2 bed/2.5 bath)	\$1540

AMENITIES:

Heat,
Air conditioning,
Hot Water, Gas,
Coin operated washer and dryer
on premises,
Maintenance staff on call 24
hours

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric and Phone

DEPOSITS:

First month's rent security deposit, which includes the \$200 holding fee at time of application, \$30 per-resident application fee, \$30 per guarantor application fee for credit checks.

RESTRICTIONS:

Pets are allowed for a \$200 non-refundable fee and \$15 a month fee (dogs must be below 35 lbs.), Smoking permitted in residents' apartments but not in common areas, elevator or laundry room

PARKING:

There's a garage with a waiting list underneath the building with assigned spaces and a \$75 per month fee. Parking on the street is abundant and permit-free.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None to speak of.

RENT SCALE:

Efficiencies	\$465 - \$520
1 Bedrooms	\$595 - \$615
2 Bedrooms	\$735 - \$785

AMENITIES:

Cable-ready
Coin-operated washer and dryer
Barber shop in basement
Doctor's offices
Convenience store
Consignment shop
Free video library
24-hour emergency maintenance
No lockout fee
Window air conditioning units in most apartments

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric, phone

DEPOSITS:

\$100

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets
Quiet hours at 11 p.m.

PARKING:

Basement garage (\$75 per month)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Fitness center
Game room with pool tables
Community room
Yoga center.

The Marylander

3501 ST. PAUL STREET, 410-235-7829

By Rob Ceretti

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Having only lived in the Marylander a short time, I haven't necessarily had time to take advantage of all the amenities that the building offers. But it is an enjoyable living experience to say the least. The efficiencies are spacious, with a main living area, and separate dining and dressing areas.

It is a huge building, and there are two banks of elevators to accommodate everyone. Though the apartments have walls that are a bit on the thin side, noise is rarely a problem, largely because of the sizable senior citizen population — they keep things pretty quiet.

Some of the apartments have carpeting, but most have linoleum floors which you will want to cover with a rug of your own. They ain't too pretty.

The kitchen is adequate. Even in efficiencies there are full-size ovens, though they lack a bit in terms of counter-space.

Whenever I've needed it, maintenance has been as prompt as can be expected. Though the garbage-chute has been out of order since I moved in, maintenance collects garbage from the

chute room twice a day, so you don't need to carry your garbage out yourself, a big plus for the lazy.

Most of the apartments have rather attractive views. Those on the west side of the building look out on St. Paul, and those on the east can look out and see Memorial Stadium, or the nicely groomed garden/courtyard behind the building. Some apartments on the south side, on higher floors, can even see the downtown skyline.

The building is in a great location — it's less than two blocks from campus, two blocks from Eddie's supermarket, and it's on the Hopkins Shuttle route. It's a straight walk of about two blocks to the Athletic Center and a little less than that to the MSE Library.

Though the building is old, it is in good condition.

Most of the walls have been recently repainted and the windows replaced or cleaned. The refrigerators and ovens are new in all of the kitchens. The heat works, but it has only two settings, warm and hot. The building is always on the warm side, but the heat is not overbearing. It's never uncomfortable.

The laundry in the basement



FILE PHOTO

The Marylander is located in Johns Hopkins' backyard.

is really convenient. Washers cost \$1.25, and the dryers cost \$0.25 for ten minutes, where you can buy as much or as little time as you want.

Security throughout the building is excellent. You need a key to get in the front door, the laundry room or even to get on the elevators from the basement. The Basement doors are locked at 8 p.m., and after that you must enter through the front entrance, where there is a person at the security desk 24 hours a day. Visitors can get in by using the dial-up telephone box outside the door.

In addition to security, the front desk also offers leisure activities. At the front desk, you can borrow pool accessories, darts

and videos for free.

Though there are certain shortcomings, relative to the other places that I have lived, there are also many advantages to living in the Marylander. I have enjoyed living in the Marylander, and I have yet to encounter any major problems.

I have a spacious efficiency, and a beautiful view of the downtown skyline. Admittedly, there are not many other apartments with a similar view, but the other apartments in the building that I have visited have been every bit as nice as mine. Considering the proximity of the Marylander to campus, and it's relatively low rent, I would consider it a prime place to live in Charles Village.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS

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COMING SOON

St. Paul Court Apartments

3120 ST. PAUL STREET, 410-243-8415

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The Saint Paul Court. It's the one across from Eddie's. Yeah, the one with the gate. That's right, Melrose.

When I was a freshman, I used to grab the gate from the outside and peer in, imagining what it looked like inside. It seemed like an Italian villa lost in the midst of Charles Village. A European courtyard rife with fountains, trees, and a gazebo. Well, I'm on the inside now, and I can tell you what it's like — for real.

Saint Paul Court is made up of eight buildings lettered from A to H. There are about eight apartments in each building, usually two per floor (in some cases there are three), with four floors per building. There are no elevators,

not even a freight, so moving in can be tricky.

Mailboxes are on the bottom floor of each building. I have had difficulty with the mail here. Frequently, I'll receive my neighbors' mail and vice-versa. Management is also supposed to alert you when you have a parcel, as all packages get left in the front office. Often, a very long time goes by without notification (sometimes over a week).

That reminds me of one of my main pet peeves with this place: if you go to the front office during normal office hours for whatever reason, don't be surprised if nobody is there.

Well, here's what you probably want to hear. The courtyard is very nice. There are a couple fountains, a lot of trees, benches,

and a gazebo for those times you feel like dancing around drunk singing "I am sixteen going on seventeen." There are also usually dogs running around barking outside, sometimes at ridiculous hours of the night. That reminds me, Don't cross the courtyard barefoot.

Even though all the buildings are connected, tenants of most of the buildings need to cross the courtyard (yes, actually go outside) to reach the laundry room or exercise room. There are only a couple of washers and dryers in the laundry room, as well. (As long as you have to go outside to access the laundry, you might as well go to the laundromats nearby. They have better washers and dryers and more washers and dryers, and the cost comes out to be about the same).

The cement walkways and the wooden benches on the sides of the walkway are a bit run down, and the insides of each building are rather grungy looking. I can only remember a couple occasions that the maintenance staff have vacuumed the old, stained red carpet that covers the floor and stairs leading up to the apartments.

Since I have been there, the staff has made some refurbishments to the complex. They modified — for the better — the fountain by the entrance (which is now the habitat of a couple bright, orange fish). They enhanced the lighting in the courtyard. There are old-fashioned street-lamps at each corner of the walkway around the courtyard, as well as wall lamps on the out-

side walls of the apartment building.

St. Paul Court has an exercise room with some sand-filled free weights, a couple of stationary bikes, a treadmill, a T.V., and a couple of benches. A long time ago, it used to be the gathering place of the Thursday night Seinfeld Group, but you don't have to worry about running into them anymore.

Location-wise, St. Paul Court is in the heart of Charles Village. This can make parking a problem, due to the numerous stores and restaurants located just across the street. The apartment building is just a five minute walk from Shaffer Hall and Shriver, but an early morning class in Bloomberg might require a bike (which you can conveniently keep locked to the bike rack in the courtyard.)

In terms of security, each tenant is given a code for the punchpad out front that lets you in through the black, wrought-iron gate. The courtyard is usually well-lit, and neighborhood cops usually like to hang out across the street where they can keep an eye on the Nationsbank (and grab some Chinese food.)

Neighbors are usually not a problem. I've lived here for over a year and I've only seen my next-door neighbor twice. Although the lease stipulates that you need to have carpeting over most of your floors, they don't enforce that. Unfortunately, the result is a lot of banging and thumping from upstairs.

Maintenance is usually efficient about rectifying a problem.

RENT SCALE:

Studio/Junior 1 Bedrm	\$425-520
1 Bedroom	\$575-620
2 Bedroom	\$665-795

AMENITIES:

Laundry facilities

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric/gas

DEPOSITS:

One month's rent

RESTRICTIONS:

Only small pets allowed

PARKING:

Street parking

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Exercise center



FILE PHOTO

The much-envied courtyard of St. Paul Court can indeed be yours.

Wyman Towers

3100 ST. PAUL STREET, 410-235-5600

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The location of Wyman Towers is perhaps the greatest asset it has. It is on 3100 St. Paul St. and is across the street from Eddie's Market and the Homewood. There also is Video Americain, a video rental shop, located on the basement level of the apartment itself. Most importantly, the daily walks to the Homewood campus take less than 10 minutes.

Wyman Towers was built in 1926 and has 141 apartments. The living room and the dining room are adjacently placed while the kitchen is separated from rest of the apartment.

The apartment offers a 24-hour maintenance service which can be reached via telephone. The brand new washers and dryers in the basement cost \$1.25 per load. They are operated by a paid card

system which means you do not have to carry around coins. The apartment has a security entrance system which is used to buzz up visitors.

It is fairly easy to have three people living in a two-bedroom apartment. Of the two rooms, one is bigger than the other and would be the ideal room for two people to share. Another option is to convert the living room in to a separate bedroom. This is very convenient if you prefer single rooms. The living room is separated from the rest of the living quarters and so privacy is protected. But the problem with this is that the person living in the living room must go through his roommates' bedrooms to reach a bathroom.

As Hopkins students living at Wyman Towers, we pay decreased summer rates of \$400 a

month. The major problem with Wyman Towers is the temperature control system. The main water heaters of the building are not reliable, and this is not a good thing in the mornings before class. There isn't an air-conditioning system, and so the summers are hot and humid inside the apartment. The heat, however, is a bonus during winter.

Every apartment complex will have its problem of unwanted guests, and Wyman Towers is of no exception. Mice and such are not a big concern, but there are some insect problems. The plumbing system is very old, but with the 24-hour maintenance service, whatever problems that arise can be fixed in a hurry.

The last problem I find with Wyman Towers is the elevators which tend to lose their reliability from time to time.

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$350
Studio	\$400
1 Bedroom	\$540
2 Bedroom	\$725

AMENITIES:

Laundry facilities, cable-ready

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric/gas

DEPOSITS:

\$300 security deposit

RESTRICTIONS:

No dogs

PARKING:

Off-street parking, \$50/month

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

I had roaches and mice at first, but maintenance cleared up the problem, and I haven't seen any of either for a very long time, knock on wood. You can put yourself on a list for a semi-monthly visit by the exterminator, if you wish. On a similar note, trash is picked up three times a week. You only have to put your trash out on the outside landing (there's a backdoor through the kitchen). The landing is also where you will find the fire escape.

St. Paul Court management is a topic all its own. They're not the friendliest people, that's for sure. It's not just their brusque manner that's a turn-off, but I heard a rumor that the manager wanted to paint the entire courtyard — gazebo and all — red and white. All we'd be missing then is a carousel and barbershop quartet.

On a more positive note, the management lets you rent air conditioners for the entire summer for a nominal fee.

What it all comes down to is this: My apartment is huge. I have closets for my closets. I can play frisbee in my living room if I want. And really, it is remarkably beautiful to look out your window and see snow falling on the trees and courtyard, to see the leaves changing color and blanketing the ground in autumn, to see people sipping drinks or smoking a pipe in the gazebo on a warm, summer evening.

Do I recommend Saint Paul Court? In spite of everything, I do. It is a very relaxed atmosphere (meaning you'll be calling everybody by their first names, including the maintenance man). And while your friends go home to their apartment with the wonderful view of Hampden, you can gaze out the window onto your enormous yard. In fact, make a memo: Forget the bed, bring a hammock.

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HOUSING CLASSIFIEDS

Roommates Wanted

Roommate needed to share a two bedroom, plus office rowhouse in Hamden. 10 minute walk from JHU, AC, W/D, Dishwasher, \$325/mo. plus 1/2 utilities. John 410-235-2240
johnball@yahoo.com

Roommate Needed: Responsible F Student to share clean 2BR TH near JHU, A/C, W/D. \$240/mo. + half utilities. Anne 301-665-1945

Roommate Needed: Responsible, neat, and clean student/prof. to share 3Br. house in Hampden. 10 minute walk to JHU or Rotunda. HDW floors, LR and DR, W/D, and newly renov. kitchen W/DW. Rent is \$241 + 1/3 utilities. Lease ends 8/1/00. Aleks or Amir 410-467-3380

Looking for a clean, responsible, student/prof. to share spacious 2Br./1Ba. On W.39th St. Across Broadview. Large LR with fireplace, DR and remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors and double windows. \$362.50 + 1/2 utils. Prefer Feb. start, but is negotiable. Christina 410-235-2355 or emc2co@yahoo.com

F prof'l nonsmoker wanted to share Fells Pt. 2BR, DAC, W/D, conv. to JHMI, must like cats, \$200/mo. + 1/2 utils. 410-534-8149

Single female, graduate student, non smoker wanted to share large house in Towson area. Must like animals \$545 plus utilities. January 1st. 410-377-8545

Roommate wanted: JHU med student looking for M/F to share a 2BR/2BA aptment in Mt. Washington. W/D, D/W and living/dining room furniture included. Convenient to Homewood and East Baltimore by car. Rent is \$400/mo. + 1/2 elec. No lease expiration. Start Feb. Contact Dennis 410-653-6957

Non-smoking roommate to share Roland Park (Carlyle) apartment with one male and one female, both JHU seniors. One room plus access to living room and kitchen, tv/vcr, dishwasher, microwave, A/C, Internet access. 5-min. walk to Homewood. Available immediately \$285/mo + electricity/phone. Please call Brian 410-235-8960 or email Brian at brian@nbsolutions.com

Charle Village Sublet. Large room in very nice house with grad students, 1-2 months, through March. Summer available too. \$275/mo. + utilities, w/d. 3 blocks from campus. Leslie 410-467-9388 x3

Quiet student (preferably grad), NS, to share very large, sunny 2BR, 2 full baths, across from JHU, W/D, on Shuttle route. \$360/mo. + 1/2 elec. Bill, 410-467-0345

Starting March 1st, non-smoker to share spacious garden style 2BR/2BA on W. 39th St. Next to Broadview. Furnished. \$377/mo. + 1/2 utils. 410-243-2832
email roman@ai.mit.edu

Roommate Needed: F Non-smoker to share a 3 bedroom 2 bath huge furnished apartment a block

away from campus W/D, D/W, 13th Flr., great views. Avail. now until Aug. 2000. Rent \$300 + Utilities. Contact 410-662-1781 or 410-662-7025

Available Apartments

Furn'd efficiency at St. Paul and 39th. Priv. entrance, in exchange 12 hrs. weekly mow/rake lawn, cleaning, laundry, child care, need car, NS, 1 yr. lease. 410-467-0800

Mount Vernon, sunny 1BR in security building. 9th floor, great city view. \$600/mo. + utilities. 410-243-1167

Baltimorean Apartments 2905 N. Charles St. 410-889-4157 email: baltapts@aol.com Guest rooms available for short

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Houses for rent: Large and roomy 4 and 5 bedroom houses in Charles Village for rent in June. All have alarm systems, washer and dryer, parking, and big rooms. Great for groups of students. 410-889-5759

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Sunny, spacious unfurn, effic. w/garden view. AVAIL IMMED. St. Paul and Univ. Blvd., 2min. walk to JHU. Sec. bldg., laundry fac. \$475 mo./heat and gas included. 410-662-4065 or email wreed@gene.bio.jhu.edu

Large 1Br Apt. Avail 11/15 to 5/31. Roland & 40th, 2 min. walk to Superfresh/Rotunda, 15 min. walk to MSE. \$430/mo. (incl. heat/hot water). 410-366-9586 or maoling7@hotmail.com

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WHERE ON EARTH DO I START?

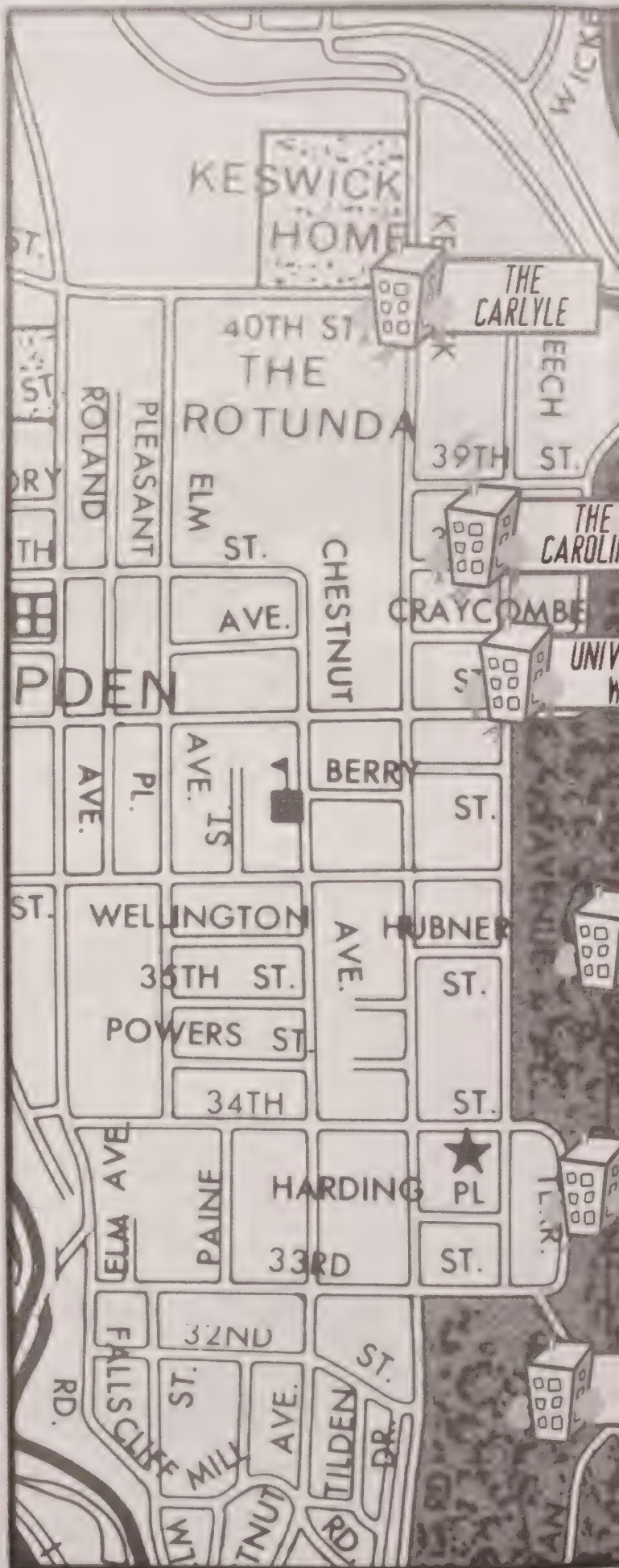
Starting your off-campus housing search can be a bit scary. Where do you even begin to look? How do you get in touch with a landlord? Where can you find listings of available off-campus houses and apartments?

The Off-Campus Housing Office, thankfully, is here to help. Just show up at their Wolman office with some questions (or an air of general confusion) and let them direct you to finding your new abode.

THE OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING OFFICE'S TOP FIVE TIPS FOR SUCCESSFULLY FINDING OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING:

1. Start your search as soon as possible by visiting the apartment buildings and walking through the neighborhood to get an idea of where you would like to live.
2. Visit the Off-Campus Housing Office, located in Wolman Hall Room 102. Browse the listings, read the literature and ask the staff questions.
3. Visit the Off-Campus Housing web page and take a look at the listings there. The address: <http://www.jhu.edu/~auxent/offcampus>
4. Ask landlords and property managers questions about the lease terms and building rules and restrictions.
5. Get everything in writing.

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GUILFORD

North of campus provides safety for a price

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Honestly, there's nothing exciting about Guilford, the area north of Homewood campus. Not that Charles Village is always abuzz with activity, but Guilford still moves at a much slower pace than its surrounding areas.

And that's not such a bad thing, either. The crime is not nearly as prevalent in Guilford as it is in Charles Village. Students generally aren't afraid to walk around at night (although it's still recommended not to travel alone), and there are usually fewer robberies reported there. It's also much quieter in the area, but that could be attributed to Guilford's relative distance from Union Memorial Hospital.

On the whole, Guilford is much more laid back than Charles Village — laid back and spread out. Walking across University Parkway means stepping from city to suburb, quite literally. You won't find any more row houses north of campus. Sure, it's not nearly as "cutesy" as Charles Village, but there's plenty more room to breathe in Guilford.

Although many students live in the large high rises along Charles St. and University, they only need to take a short walk to an area rich with greenery, flowering parks and large, beautiful houses owned by middle-to-upper-class families, professors and retirees. Anyone who misses the great outdoors, should definitely think about Guilford. Sherwood Park is the only place in walking distance that beats out the



FILE PHOTO

The Northway used to house dozens of students in Guilford. Well, not any more.

President's Garden for bucolic beauty. Sure, it ain't exactly Yellowstone, but it certainly beats the crowded Beach on a Saturday afternoon.

The expansive nature of the Guilford area has its drawbacks, as well. If you want to do some shopping, expect to do some walking. There's no Eddie's Market down the street.

Even so, there are quite a few options for shopping in Guilford.

Shopping Around

First of all, Guilford now boasts the brand new **One World Café**, located right across the street from the lacrosse field. The food is a bit pricey, and if you like meat, forget it (they don't serve any), but the place serves some nice coffee and the desserts are awesome.

If you're hankering for something a little more upscale, there are several high-class restaurants in Guilford. **The Polo Grill** serves American food with a chic attitude and a steep bill. The eatery, which is located in the fancy Colonnade, consistently makes the top five of best Baltimore restaurants lists. Another solid choice for expensive dining is **Jeannier's** in the Broadview. French food, elegant attire and fine cuisine: This place is perfect for a romantic evening (wink, wink).

The Indian food in Guilford makes the stuff at Tamber's taste like slop. Try **The Ambassa-**

dor, located (where else?) at The Ambassador apartments, right near the Broadview. Students don't usually live in this building, but they certainly eat there. The Indian cuisine is great. We recommend the tandoori chicken.

Students who opt to live in the Hopkins House or Broadview quickly learn to love the **Hopkins Deli** on 100 W. 39th Street. Pick up a loaf of bread, some candy or even a romance novel on your way back from class. The Deli also stocks beer and liquor, but the prices can get a bit steep.

The great thing about living in Guilford is that it's not too far from the **Rotunda**, **SuperFresh** or **Cold Spring Lane**, all of which can be walked to in under 15 minutes. Even 39th Street in Hampden is pretty close — so, if you move into the Guilford area, you absolutely must spend a lazy Saturday grabbing a "Hon Bun" at **Café Hon**, followed by thrift store shopping at **Galvanize**.

A Pretty Penny

All things considered, there are plenty of advantages to living north of campus. But be prepared to pay a price for it, too. Many of the apartments are more expensive, sometimes by as much as 150 dollars a month.

As always, though, a little in-

genuity can make a huge financial difference. Ask your landlord if you can room three people in a two bedroom apartment. Sometimes a dining room can be converted into a fine extra bedroom.

The Northway used to be one of the few affordable Guilford options, but the "Ghostbuster" building will no longer be an option for students come May. We can only speculate on how the inclusion of a Senior Citizen home will affect the atmosphere of Guilford, but it doesn't seem conducive for wild partying. (Although you never can tell!)

Anyway, many students don't mind the paying extra when they consider the added safety of living further from campus.

Of course, living further from campus also means walking to campus. The uphill walk from the Hopkins House means never being able to wake up 10 minutes before your 9 a.m. Occ Civ section. Not cool. But at least you'll be in great shape after a few semesters.

The only complaint students in the area near Charles Street usually have is the lack of a close 24-hour convenient store. If you often have late night cravings for Ben & Jerry's and you don't plan on owning a car next year, Guilford might not be quite right for you.

GUILFORD: IS IT FOR YOU?

Pros:

- Sherwood Gardens! Flowers, puppy dogs and ample room for April picnics! So cute!
- Many of the apartment buildings in the area have garages, so parking isn't too bad.
- One World Café just opened up, and it's quaint.
- It's closer to the Rotunda and SuperFresh.
- The apartments actually live up to the "luxury" claim. Have you seen some of the places at the Hopkins House? Nice.
- You're much closer to the Athletic Center and the lacrosse field. (This applies to the sporty students.)
- Fewer sketchy types around.

Cons:

- Try walking to your 9 a.m. class in Latrobe when it snows. It won't happen, believe us.
- You don't pass classmates on the sidewalk very often around here. It completely lacks the social atmosphere of Charles Village.
- There aren't enough convenient stores.
- No cute rowhouses to be found.
- It's a long trek from your familiar fraternity houses, except Phi Psi of course, especially in an alcohol-induced state.
- No one wants to walk all the way over there to come visit you.
- One World Café just opened up, and it's "quaint."



FILE PHOTO

Look at that vista! Who wouldn't want to live in Guilford?

The Broadview

105 WEST 36TH STREET, 410-2431216

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The Broadview is located on the corner of 39th street and West University Parkway. It is approximately a 15 minute walk to the MSE library. When I first moved into the Broadview during the summer, I thought the 15 minute walk would be a nice and refreshing time I could use to think about my day. But here is a bit of advice for you apartment hunters: During 20-degree weather and 3 inches of snow, this walk is far from refreshing!

Despite the long walk to campus, Broadview is closer to Rite Aid, Giant, the movies and stores at the Rotunda, and Superfresh (maybe now that you are off the meal plan you can motivate yourself to eat healthier). The Broadview is also near the track and Athletic Center. And the building does have its own exercise room, making it even harder to come up with an excuse to not work out.

The apartments in the Broadview are quite spacious. Living in a two-bedroom myself,

I must say that there is more storage space in my apartment than two people will ever need. Our living room is twice the size of an entire suite in Wolman, and the bedrooms are pretty large, too. In addition, some of the apartments have a nice balcony (although I must admit that neither me nor my roommate has been out there since we moved in.) The rent at the Broadview is also quite reasonable. The rent for an efficiency is \$465-\$550; for a one-bedroom the rent is \$545-\$650; and for a two-bedroom apartment it is \$750-\$850. Carpeting is required for all apartments in the Broadview. You can either get your own carpeting or the building will provide carpeting for an extra \$20 per month for an efficiency; an extra \$25 per month for a one-bedroom, and an extra \$45 per month for a two-bedroom. I would advise you to get your own carpet because the carpet that we have from the Broadview never stops shedding and there is lint on all my clothes, all the time.

The building recently put in

new washers and dryers, which are \$1.25 per machine (a big increase from the \$.70 that we paid for the old machines). But there are plenty of machines so you should not have trouble doing laundry on any day you choose. The only problem is that the laundry room closes at 11 p.m. Unfortunately, we college students have to learn to live like normal people and quit doing our laundry at three in the morning.

The Broadview is one of the biggest buildings in Baltimore. Many Hopkins students live there, as do many senior citizens. Apartment availability really depends on how many students are leaving that year. As I recall from when I was looking for an apartment, the free apartments are occupied very quickly. And since you cannot put your name on a waiting list, you have to call every day to see if there is any availability. If you are lucky, you call just as an old tenant is handing in their leaving



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notice.

Although the Broadview is not the place to be for the hottest party in town, the atmosphere is certainly very relaxed and social. The people at the front desk are always friendly and willing to help. If you need something fixed, you may have to complain more than once, but you can be certain that the problem will be fixed eventually. People in the elevator are usually friendly and in a good mood as well. The Hopkins Deli, which

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$465-\$550
1 Bedroom	\$545-\$650
2 Bedroom	\$750-\$850

AMENITIES:

24-hour front desk service, laundry room, bike storage room, cable-ready, deli in building

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Heat, electricity

DEPOSITS:

One month's rent

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets

PARKING:

Outdoor (\$60), indoors (\$75)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Exercise room, social room w/ library

is across the street, is a convenient place to go for some coffee or a late night snack.

Overall, the Broadview is strongly recommended. There are no animals roving around, the toilet always flushes, and the apartments are available at an affordable price.

Cambridge Apartments

3900 N. CHARLES STREET, 410-235-3900

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$575-\$600
1 bedroom	\$625-\$760
2 bedroom/1 bath	\$875-\$950
2 bedroom/2 bath	\$900-\$975
2 bdrm/2 bath/den	\$1,175-\$1,300
3 bdrm/2 bath/den	\$1,550-\$2,000

AMENITIES:

Largest floor plans in Guilford, Underground parking, Guest rooms, 24 hour front desk receptionist, Doorman, Answering service, Hardwood floors, Laundry room, Grocery store and deli, Travel agency

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electricity

DEPOSITS:

\$35 Application Fee (non-refundable), \$150 Redecoration Fee (non-refundable), \$250 or half of one months rent (refundable)

RESTRICTIONS:

No more than two pets per apt. (\$25 fee per month for each pet plus \$250 refundable deposit), No more than two occupants per bedroom, No "boisterous conduct!"

PARKING:

Back parking lot (\$50), Underground Garage (\$60), Valet parking (\$80)

By Sally Anne Schmidt

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Cambridge attempts to offer luxury apartment living just blocks away from the Johns Hopkins campus. Positioned at the corner of N. Charles and 39th streets, students are afforded both convenience and spacious living, with most of the amenities one would desire after graduation. An equal mix of youth and wisdom are found in the building because both old and young alike are attracted to the surface beauty of the complex.

Once inside The Cambridge, you are offered 24-hour security, rooftop swimming, a fitness room and reserved parking, so you'll never lose your place.

If you are looking for pure space, these apartments are perfect. The apartments have complete parquet flooring, large living and dining areas and fairly equally sized bedrooms, which is hard to find in this area.

The building employees are also very friendly and helpful. My friends are always amazed by one of the doormen who always greets me by name and asks what I'm up to and how my parents in Texas are.

With all of this having been said, it seems like the perfect place

to live, right? They say the grass is always greener on the other side of the pasture, and that may be true with respect to living here.

After living at The Cambridge for the last two years, I have found a few complaints.

Right now they are still remodeling the exterior. While I survived the loud hammering waking me up at 8 a.m. on my side of the building last spring and summer, now they are working on the street side and are set to begin work on the north side this spring. Fortunately, only the residents on the work side are bothered by the noise.

I shouldn't complain too much because all of the remodeling inside has been completed. In the two years that I have been living at The Cambridge, the three elevators have been replaced and updated, the water pipes redone, a workout room added, a resident activity room with a pool table added and the lobby completely redone.

By the time I graduate this spring, this place will be almost perfect.

The laundry room has 12 washers and 12 dryers, but the other residents tend to get upset with you when using more than 3, so don't wait until the last minute to wash your clothes like I do.



FILE PHOTO

The Cambridge is far from campus, but it's luxurious.

I believe the biggest adjustment to be made from dorm, is the large influence of the 70-plus crowd in the building. In sharing space with the elderly, you must learn to maneuver around canes and walkers, and try not to make too much noise after 9 o'clock because they need their rest.

If you can find the right space here, with no one sensitive above, below, or beside you, you might be able to throw a decent party.

The older residents are also

prone to disliking the dreaded students that they think are taking over the building. But, if you are friendly, smile and say hi usually, they usually don't scowl too much.

Overall, I would give The Cambridge at 3900 a good rating. The living spaces are wonderful, and the building is well kept, but it may take a lifestyle change to adjust to living in a building that seems to cater to its older residents.

The Carlyle

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CARLYLE@MERCEA.NET

By Wade Johannessen and
Meghna Antani

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The apartments at the Carlyle are really big (probably some of the largest you'll encounter in your housing search). They also have lots and lots of closet space. The one bedroom apartments are really big enough for two people to live in comfortably. Likewise, we've seen three people living in some of the two bedroom apartments. Adding that extra person can make the rent payments a lot more affordable. The two bedroom apartments come with two bathrooms (really nice after coming from the dorms). The apartments facing University Parkway have a better view than the ones facing the back and they tend to be a lot warmer because of the sun. But the rear facing apartments offer balconies and a great view of the Hopkins House.

For the most part, the apartments are in good condition and maintenance is usually very prompt at fixing any problems. If an appliance breaks they'll just put in a brand new one. For those of you worried about noise complaints, you won't get very many here. This is because each apartment is a self-contained fire cell

with concrete walls and ceilings. We haven't heard much from my neighbors in the two years we've been here. The building offers some furniture for students at no extra cost. This includes a bed, dresser, and desk for each room, as well as a dining table with four chairs. The provided furniture is a bit small, so plan on at least buying your own desk. All apartments have heating and air conditioning. This is subject to building control though, so it has to get pretty warm before they switch over to A/C around April.

The resident population is mostly made up of students and old people (a few have lived here since the day this place was built). In general you will see a mix of people since the building itself is partially a Quality Inn Hotel — each floor has both hotel rooms and apartments. There is a resident discount for the hotel rooms and they're really convenient for visiting family. A new restaurant, Preston's 500, just opened in the building last month. We haven't tried it, because it's a little on the pricey side. There is a limited amount of off-street parking available (both an indoor garage and a small outdoor lot in back). However, there is a waiting list for spots



FILE PHOTO

Be warned: The Carlyle is definitely a trek from campus.

in both of these areas. Some street parking is available; it just depends on how tenacious you are about finding that perfect spot. There is a desk attendant on duty 24-hours a day. Some members of the staff may be a little gruff at times. We're not sure why the building employs a doorman because we've never once had the door opened for us (even with a crapload of grocery bags). The washers and dryers are located in the basements and cost \$1.25 per load, but the dryers sometimes don't dry your clothes fully.

While the Carlyle may seem a long way from campus compared to the dorms (and it is), the walk isn't too bad once you get used to

it. It takes anywhere from 15 to 20 minutes to get to class. The shuttle stops at the Carlyle (fixed route to the Rotunda too), and is a lifesaver on those nights when you just can't make that walk home from the library. The Carlyle is very close to the Rotunda (about a five minute walk which is good if you don't have a car). The most convenient shopping is around the corner at Hopkins Deli. They have sandwiches, groceries, school supplies and whatever else you can think of, and they even deliver.

Some warnings to heed: There is a minor pest problem. We've caught a few mice and we know some people have roaches. The rent is a little higher than other

RENT SCALE:

1 Bedroom	\$700
2 Bedrooms	\$960

AMENITIES:

Cable and satellite ready
Laundry facilities
24-hour desk attendant/doorman
Dishwasher
Hotel rooms in building
Restaurant
Hair salon

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric

DEPOSITS:

One month's rent

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets
No giving or receiving music lessons

PARKING:

Limited garage availability, \$35-\$55/mo.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Fitness center
Seasonal rooftop pool
Student lounge/study room

places, but the apartments are also bigger. The leasing office is a little disorganized, but they are really nice about accepting late rent payments.

The Carolina

108-114 W. UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, 410-235-8000

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

We like to describe the Carolina as Melrose Place — but with-

RENT SCALE:

1 Bedroom	\$550-600
2 Bedroom	\$775-800
3 Bedroom	\$900-1000

AMENITIES:

Laundry machines, cable ready

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric/gas

DEPOSITS:

One month's rent

RESTRICTIONS:

No dogs

PARKING:

Outdoor lot, \$45/month

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

out the sleeping around. The Carolina is a smaller apartment building where students and twenty-somethings live in perfect harmony. In fact, some of the harmonies come from the professional piano player below us, whose renditions of Rachmaninoff and Chopin are delightful.

We're glad that we've made the Carolina our home. It was by far the most comfortable (yet affordable) living space. Among the various row houses, apartment complexes and high-rises, the Carolina seems to be a slice of heaven, just a short skip from campus. The building itself opens its arms, welcoming guests to its unique grassy front lawn. There are four entryways off the front lawn, providing access to the thirty-six apartments. Most of the units are two bedroom apartments, but there are one and three bedrooms apartments available as well.

There is a sense of community at the Carolina. People know each other and have respect for the grounds, others property and silence. The grassy

area in front is often the site of frequent summer BBQs. Seldom does your laundry disappear should you leave it in the new machines. If they're available when you move in, the new storage closets make excellent wine cellars. (You can also store two bikes, fourteen empty boxes and three rubber storage containers.)

Should you have the physical endurance to make it up the stairs, the apartments are charmingly humble. The high ceilings and large rooms contribute to the spaciousness of the apartments. The apartments span the full width of the building, providing cross-ventilation and ample natural light. Brand new windows insulate the apartment from outside temperatures and street noise.

One of our favorite areas of the apartment (and most heavily traveled) is the kitchen. It features a brand new gas range and sink. There is plenty of space within the quaint glass-paned cabinets for storage. The refrigerator, often colder than the freezer, is beginning to show its



FILE PHOTO

The high ceilings in the Carolina contribute to its spaciousness.

age.

The bedrooms are located down the hall from the living and dining rooms, and are separated by a door, which provides for privacy and silence. Each bedroom is spacious and offers walk-in closets.

A free-standing antique bathtub, porcelain sink, and powerful toilet further add to the apartments' charm. Remember those light-friendly windows and the large apartment building next-door? We now know why it's called the Broadview. Bring a curtain.

The occasional drip from the

upstairs apartment reminds you that your slice of heaven might still require a bit of maintenance. Enter Rusty, the building maintenance engineer, who can drop by at any hour to make minor repairs and open a locked door. As for larger repairs, keep an eye to the sky for the pigs. However, persistence pays off, as management of the Carolina has been responsive overall to our needs since before the lease was signed.

The Carolina has exceeded our expectations. We're pleased to be members of this community and happy to have made it our home.

Hopkins House

110 W. 39TH STREET, 410-889-6121

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Without a doubt, the apartments at the Hopkins House are among the nicest available to students in the area. Even the smallest studio apartments come with a spacious balcony, hardwood floors, freshly-painted walls (they paint each apartment before a new tenant moves in), a great view from the large window and stylish living.

Like everything in life, the Hopkins House has its disadvantages as well, and the first that comes to mind is the apartment's unpleasant management. I was nearly evicted this year because my father was ten days late paying the rent (and all this after never having been late on a payment in the two years I've lived here). In fact, I was even summoned to the rent division of the District Court of Maryland one fine morning. I didn't end up going, but just being summoned was more than enough for me.

Another time I brought back a small coffee table from my home on Long Island. Upon entering the elevator with the table, I was told that I should use the freight elevator and that I could be fined \$100 if I did it again. And finally, there are

my curtains. They're a dark burgundy color, and the management at the Hopkins House doesn't like them. Only white curtains will be

RENT SCALE:

Studio	\$565-630
1 Bedroom	\$720-760
2 Bedroom	\$845-885

AMENITIES:

Private balconies, cable available

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

None

DEPOSITS:

Application fee and security deposits may apply

RESTRICTIONS:

No dogs; \$150 deposit for cats and \$15/month pet fee

PARKING:

\$60-65/month garage

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Residential pool, exercise facilities

tolerated here, so be sure to read every line of your lease carefully before you go out and buy those expensive, colorful curtains.

Aside from the management, the other potential problem with the Hopkins House is that it is a bit far from campus. While it's not as far away as the Carlyle, it's far enough that it has a different zip code from everything on campus.

If you like that extra ten minutes of sleep in the morning or need to visit your apartment frequently during the day and don't want to walk far to get to it, then the Hopkins House is not for you. A car definitely makes life easier (trust me on this one), and you can even park it in the building's convenient indoor garage for a price.

The Hopkins House is close to the Rotunda, and on the ground floor there is an adequate laundry facility. There is also a pool and exercise room available if you pay the monthly charges.

Also on the ground floor is the



FILE PHOTO

The luxurious Hopkins House apartments are worth the hike to Homewood.

Hopkins Deli, which is more like a mini mart and sells pretty much everything from Jack Daniels to cheddar cheese.

Some things about the Hopkins House apartments need improving, or at least updating. The heating/air conditioning unit is downright antediluvian, but it works, and it doesn't look too shabby. It's simply not as technologically advanced as it could be. I'm convinced that my oven is a vintage 1960s model; not that I ever have the time to use an oven in the first place, but a newer model would be nice.

The tenants in the Hopkins House are mostly older middle class types, but there is a fairly dense

student population as well. Most of the tenants are quiet and considerate, and they expect the same from you, so if you can't live without the Spice Girls at 11 p.m. on a Monday night and don't plan on using headphones, watch out. People will knock on your door (again, you'll have to trust me on this one).

This is my second year living in the Hopkins House, and I've enjoyed it. Based on the quality of its apartments, I would recommend the Hopkins House to almost anyone. Its unpleasant management, however, leaves a lot to be desired. To say the least, it sometimes takes a rough exterior to put up with it.

The Colonnade

3801 CANTERBURY ROAD, 410-235-6004

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

The Residences at the Colonnade offer an excellent choice for those interested in finding nice living quarters after moving out of the dorms. All of the units in this building are condominiums; however, it is possible to rent an apartment from an individual owner.

The best way to find an apartment in the Colonnade is through a real estate agent. Most apartments are listed through Hill and Company (410-366-2224). This seven-year old building offers many advantages. Perhaps the best reason for living there is its proximity to campus. Each apartment is equipped with a washing machine, dryer, dishwasher, hot water faucet, grill top, central air conditioning unit, and heating unit. Additionally, each apartment comes with two deeded parking spaces and a balcony. Furthermore, there is a fully equipped exercise room and pool attached to the hotel.

There are a few drawbacks to living in this building. Most residents are middle aged and tend to complain when there is the

slightest bit of noise coming from an apartment after 10 p.m. A recent late-night party in my apartment yielded more than a handful of complaints. The only other drawback is that there are not a large number of college students living in the building, which can be somewhat disorienting.

The front desk, located on Canterbury Road is staffed with at least two or three people all of the time. There is also an alarm system installed in each unit and panic buttons in every room of the apartment.

Additionally, there are security cameras monitoring every crack and crevice for unusual activity. For these reasons, the Colonnade is probably one of the safest buildings in the area, which could be a very good selling point for the parents. I should also note that the doormen could be helpful in many situations.

For a couple of bucks they are always willing to run an errand or help with a miscellaneous project. One time, one of the doormen even helped fix my car.

The other great advantage is

RENT SCALE:

Varies
1-3 Bedroom apartments available

AMENITIES:

Cable Ready
Washer/Dryer in apartment

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric

DEPOSITS:

Also varies

RESTRICTIONS:

None

PARKING:

Included with apartment

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Exercise rooms
Outdoor pool



FILE PHOTO

Living at the Colonnade will allow you to crash Doubletree parties.

that if you don't feel like cooking dinner, you can always go downstairs to the Polo Grill (fortunately, I have done this once).

If you have the money to spend, the Colonnade is definitely a great choice.

One Hundred West University

100 W. UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, 410-235-5300

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

One Hundred West University is a quaint and classy apartment building located on the west side of University Parkway. Perhaps you have seen the building with a grand entryway that looks like merely a facade from the track at the Athletic Center. This neatly designed building is even better on the inside. Upon entering there is a nicely decorated lobby with a modest office. Once in an apartment you see the real charm of 100 West.

The major attribute that jumps out at a prospective tenant is the vast size of the apartments. The hallways and rooms are very spacious, with ample closet space. A two-bedroom apartment has the basic layout as follows: There is an entrance hallway and closet, with the kitchen and dining room off to the side. In the kitchen, there is a hallway of cupboards and a service area to the side with a bathroom and space for a washer/dryer, if desired.

Past the dining room is the living room area, with a terrace area off to the side, complete with floor to ceiling French doors allowing for a great view. Past the living room are the bedrooms, adjoined by a bathroom. In addition to the large closet space in the bedrooms, there are closets in the hallway and even in the living

area. In addition to two bedroom apartments, one bedroom apartments, three bedroom apartments, and efficiencies are also offered.

There is a uniqueness which accompanies each apartment, as the accommodations vary according to previous tenants. There are basic hardwood floors in all apartments, although some apartments do have carpeting. Each apartment is freshly painted for each new tenant, and there are no decoration regulations, according to one student tenant interviewed.

The appliances that are standard in the apartment are the refrigerator, gas stove, and dishwasher. Different amenities can be added to the apartment for more comfort. For example, since one of the disadvantages of the apartment building is the lack of central air conditioning, one can install ceiling fans or window air conditioning units. There is a laundry room in the basement of the building, but as mentioned, there is ample space for a washer/dryer system in the service area off of the kitchen.

There are a few disadvantages

to this apartment building. These include the lack of air conditioning, Internet connection, and exercise room.

Fortunately, though, 100 West is located conveniently across the street from the Athletic Center which can be accessed easily for exercise. You are in luck, however, if you need a haircut, since there is a salon in the basement of the building. One of the biggest disadvantages would have to be low apartment availability and the fact that 100 West does not actively pursue students to live in the building, as they look more toward long term residents, according to the manager, who did not wish to comment further for this article.

Although there are some disadvantages, they are far outweighed by the amenities. The spacious apartments have competitive prices with other buildings, but at the same time, 100 West tenants get more for the money. Other advantages regarding the rent is the fact that there is no deposit, and the utilities are usually low.

The security is good, with two access doors and guards on duty at night. There are also no restrictions regarding pets or smoking. The location is very convenient, as it is close to campus, and the atmosphere is good.



FILE PHOTO

You can watch lacrosse games from out your window.

RENT SCALE:

Efficiencies	\$350
2 Bedrooms	\$700
3 Bedrooms	\$950

AMENITIES:

Spacious rooms
Security
Hair salon in basement

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Gas, electric

DEPOSIT:

None

RESTRICTIONS:

None

PARKING:

Street parking available

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

One tenant commented that all of the neighbors on the floor are friendly and willing to help, as is the staff when called for repairs. It is also nice to meet the other tenants at the Halloween and Christmas parties.

Yet another satisfied student resident said, "Of all of the apartments I have lived in in the Baltimore area, this is the best by far. It is awesome to live here."

So, if the students can manage to get an apartment in 100 West, they will not be disappointed.

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$475
1 Bedroom	\$570
2 Bedroom Terrace	\$590
2 Bedroom 1st/2nd Floor	\$645
2 Bedroom 1.5 Bathroom:	\$665

AMENITIES:

Washers and dryers in building

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electricity

DEPOSIT:

\$500

RESTRICTIONS:

No pets

PARKING:

Each apartment gets one parking space

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

Be prepared for the incredulous look on your friends' faces when you tell them that you live at the Linkwood. Sure, it takes me about fifteen to twenty minutes of walking to get to campus. Whoa! Don't turn the page yet. It sounds a lot worse than it really is. Of course, I complain about the distance once in a while, but, overall, it's not a bad deal.

If you are wondering, the Linkwood is hidden behind the Carlyle where it resides next to a small brook that runs along its length. It is composed of two buildings. Each building is subdivided into four "houses" and each "house" has six units. The walls are pretty thin but I've never had a problem with noisy neighbors. Actually, it would amaze me if you can hear a mouse squeak.

No, there are no mice in the complex, meaning that I've seen none so far. The other question asked when apartment shopping is, of course, how many roaches

will be residing with you. Surprisingly and very fortunately, I've been introduced to only about one roach per month. (This is heaven compared to the stories I've heard.)

When first entering, visitors see a spacious living/dining room that stretches from the front to the back of the building. Branching off this is the kitchen on one side and the two bedrooms on the other. The bedrooms, each with a big closet, are nicely sized with the bigger one about 11 feet by 14 feet and the smaller about 10 feet by 11 feet. The bathroom is kind of small but it has a big closet and even a built-in hamper under the sink. Notably, I've never been forced to take cold showers due to the lack of hot water.

The kitchen is fairly roomy, easily letting you and your roommates maneuver. The oven and stove are gas-powered, and there's the wonderful inclusion of a dishwasher, as well as plenty of cabinets. There are even small cabinets against the ceiling in the kitchen. (I still wonder why the

Linkwood has cabinets seven feet above the ground where no one can get to them.)

Laundromat? No need. A washer and dryer, located in the basement, are shared with the other five units so that waiting in line is unheard of. Also, in the basement are the storage lockers, one for each unit.

Each apartment is also assigned a parking space so you don't have to worry about getting any parking tickets. (This may be a good excuse to get your parents to spring for a car.) Another plus for the Linkwood is the reasonable rent.

Although there are no security guards here, it is because they are not necessary. Crime doesn't seem to exist in this neighborhood! Therefore, walks to the Rotunda and the plaza at 41st Street are not considered a test of



FILE PHOTO

The Linkwood is a lesser known abode.

your bravery. Also within walking distance is the Hopkins Deli. About five minutes in the other direction, is a small, I mean really small, park and our neighboring school, Loyola.

This side of Hopkins is very residential. It may seem too quiet at times, but I think it's better than hearing police sirens every hour of the day.

The Linkwood

4000-4001 LINKWOOD ROAD, 410-323-8280

University West Apartments

106 W. UNIVERSITY PARKWAY, 410-467-2800

By Joy Winter
THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

University West's proximity to the Athletic Center makes it a convenient home for athletes. But it

is about a five or ten minute walk to classes. Taking a shortcut through the track helps shorten the walk a bit. Remember when you were a sophomore, and, horror of horrors, you had to walk

from Wolman to Bloomberg? No longer! If you live at 104 or 106 West University Parkway, you will hope for classes in Bloomberg.

Many students live at University West including undergraduates, graduates, medical and Peabody students. As a result, as students come and go, apartments become available at different times, yet they are not usually on the market for very long.

The atmosphere of the building somewhat depends on your neighbors, yet the building is well cared for and usually quiet. For the most part, tenants are considerate and keep to themselves. Student tenants are well-received by the management and encouraged to rent at University West. Please take note that a co-signer such as a parent is also required to have his or her name on the lease agreement.

Apartments available at this location include efficiencies, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments. The larger apartments have spacious living rooms and dining rooms. The kitchens tend to be on the smaller side. (When my dishwasher door is

down, it hits the cabinets on the other side of the kitchen!) The bedrooms vary in size. Some are quite large. Even the smaller bedrooms are adequate for at least a queen size bed and essential furnishings.

All rooms have beautiful, shiny hardwood floors, and the apartments are thoroughly cleaned and painted before a new tenant moves in. In addition, laundry facilities are located in the basement of each building and cost \$1.25 per load.

Apartments are not equipped with direct internet access to the Hopkins server. Tenants may use a modem to connect to the internet.

The facility is maintained quite nicely and maintenance staff work standard hours during the day. If an apartment has a maintenance problem, the tenant should file a maintenance request in the rental office. The problem will be taken care of in a few days.

On occasion, you might have to notify the manager a few times before the appropriate repairs are made, but in general the staff is helpful and concerned about the maintenance of the facility. For

RENT SCALE:

Efficiency	\$510-\$550
1 Bedroom	\$555-\$795
2 Bedroom	\$825-935

AMENITIES:

Dishwasher,
Refrigerator,
Microwave,
Gas cooking,
Cable-ready,
Air-conditioning,
Laundry

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electric, gas

DEPOSIT:

\$200

RESTRICTIONS:

All small pets must be approved by management

PARKING:

Street parking

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None

maintenance emergencies, a 24-hour number exists.

On the whole, University is a great option if you don't mind the walk to class.



FILE PHOTO

University West's bathrooms are obviously quite spacious. Wow!



FILE PHOTO

Well, we're moving on up ... to the east side.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

It's not that I had major complaints about the privately-owned condominiums on the corner of St. Paul and University Parkway before the rehabilitation. The building is extremely safe, offers some decent amenities and is very close to campus. (Wake up 15 minutes before class, skip the shower, and you'll get there on time.)

The strict security system requires residents to use Wolman-esque access cards to enter the

building. All visitors must sign in at the front desk with the doorperson and wait in the lobby to receive permission to enter the apartments.

Many residents and frequent U-1 visitors find the process onerous—but college students' parents love the fact that their kids are living safely in the city of Baltimore.

The 15 story building has 11 apartments on each floor. The units range from efficiencies to those with two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Some kitchens are small, but they all have dishwash-

ers. The living room and bedrooms have central air systems adjustable for each room.

All utilities are included in the rent so it's nice to use the dishwasher everyday and keep bedrooms toasty warm in the winter. The great big windows in University One let plenty of sun in and allow for awesome views from higher floors.

An added bonus are the small balconies outside most apartments above the third floor. From my balcony on the 9th floor I can see Memorial Stadium, the MSE library and the ships docked near Fells Point all at once. At night, the city skyline is dazzling.

The roof-top pool is not big enough for laps, but it's nice to take a dip in after running on the treadmill or pedaling the stationary bikes in the small workout room.

Another noticeable transformation over the past year and a half is the resident population. Senior citizens were the majority last year, but Hopkins students are quickly taking over—last summer about 30 more students moved in. On my floor this year, my three adjacent neighbors are

students, though the rest of the apartments are occupied by older residents.

The maintenance staff is very friendly and, most of the time, prompt in fixing any small repairs.

Because the apartments are each separately owned, students who rent have mixed experiences dealing with their landlords.

As a condominium complex, one thing is for sure: There are many rules that govern living here (i.e., curtains must be white, garbage cannot be disposed of after 10 p.m., no pets allowed—hide the fish!)

Despite the rules, University One is a great place to live. TV stars think it's a pretty cool place, too: *Homicide* cast-members were once spotted hanging out in the hospitality room of University One when scenes of the show were being filmed across the street. Okay, the show was cancelled, but that's still a pretty cool story.

While many residents own their apartments, the ones that are rented out to students usually turnover in May or June. To find out about available apartments,

stop by the lobby and ask the doorperson on duty.

RENT SCALE:

Varies, depending on unit owner

AMENITIES:

Laundry facilities, 24-hour doorperson

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

None

DEPOSIT:

Varies by owner

RESTRICTIONS:

Must contact a local realtor in order to rent.

PARKING:

Garage for \$60/month
The spaces, however, are limited—there is a waiting list.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Rooftop pool,
exercise facilities

Woodcliffe Manor

105 WEST 39TH STREET, 410-243-1216

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

A typical conversation from the beginning of my junior year:

"So where do you live?"

"I live in the Woodcliffe."

"Oh... where's that?"

It is unfortunate that most students do not know about the Woodcliffe Manor Apartments, located at 106-108 West 39th Street. The complex is directly across from the Broadview and somewhat behind Hopkins House. I have seen many other apartment buildings, and Woodcliffe is undoubtedly one of the nicest places to live off cam-

pus.

Apartments are available with either two bedrooms and one bathroom or two bedrooms and two baths. There are also a limited number of three bedroom apartments, but they are generally not available. Bedrooms are about 140 to 180 square feet, attached to the main living room and dining room area. The layout of the apartments makes them seem quite spacious, with a total living space of about 820 square feet. In addition, each apartment has a private porch or balcony which overlooks the courtyard. This is a convenient place to have a barbecue, smoke a cigarette or just to chill with friends.

Floors are hardwood or tile, but carpeting is mandatory. We spent \$600 to get custom cut area rugs for four rooms. The kitchens are slightly larger than those in most other apartments and come equipped with dishwashers. The cooking range and oven use natural gas, so if you're a chef, you will avoid the nightmare of cooking on those damn electric ranges. I do not know of anyone having roach problems, but we did have some cute mice this past summer.

Each apartment also has its own water heater and a single zone central air conditioning and heating system. In order to get to the laundry room, you must walk outside. The washers and dryers are brand new side-loading machines, but cost \$1.25 per use. Here, there is additional storage space where you can keep boxes.

Living in Woodcliffe is not cheap. Expect to spend \$50 to \$150 for gas and electricity every month. The cost is much greater during the summer and winter months since you have to pay for

the gas and electricity to heat and cool the place. Last year, we spent a total of about \$10,000 for 12 months of rent (\$755) and utilities, not including telephone. Divide that between two people, and it would still be hundreds less than living in the Bradford or Homewood.

When I was looking for a place to live, the most important things I wanted were air-conditioning, a dishwasher and a gas cooking range. This place has them all. The major drawback of this place is that it is far from campus. If you are an engineer, expect to spend a good 10 to 20 minutes getting to the lower quad. Although, I have not minded the walk because it is the only regular exercise I get.

The area is relatively safe, and I have experienced no problems walking from campus late at night, but there have been a few robberies nearby within the past two years. Woodcliffe is on route for the security escort van, so you can easily wait for a van to take you to campus or Superfresh and back. A bicycle might be a useful investment, or better yet, a car. Parking is abundantly available in a controlled access open-air lot for \$50 per month. Your friends can park here too, but you have to know how to beat the system so that you do not get caught.

Woodcliffe is owned and operated by the same people as the Broadview. They have a 24-hour front desk. Dealing with the management is okay, but the maintenance people are absolutely horrendous. It is impossible to get work orders fulfilled unless you directly yell at the maintenance personnel multiple times.

Woodcliffe has the feel of living in your own house, unlike



FILE PHOTO

The sprawling courtyard of Woodcliffe Manor is inviting.

living in a huge and unprivate apartment building. There seem to be very few elderly people living here, although noise can sometimes be a problem depending on your neighbors. If all you care about is having a bed close to campus, then it would not be

worthwhile living here. But, if you are concerned about living in a nice place with all the amenities, then spend the extra money to live in Woodcliffe.

Overall, Woodcliffe is definitely an excellent place for students to live.

RENT SCALE:

2 BR \$750-\$850

AMENITIES:

Air conditioning
Cable ready
Laundry facilities — \$1.25 per use of washer or dryer (\$2.50 per load)
Dishwasher

UTILITIES PAID BY TENANT:

Electricity
Gas

DEPOSITS:

Security deposit (1 month)
Application fee (\$25)

RESTRICTIONS:

Carpeting is required

PARKING

Controlled-access open air lot
(\$50 for first car, \$60 for each additional car)

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

None



FILE PHOTO

Woodcliffe Manor's landscaped greeneries lend much to its charming living atmosphere.

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\$300-500/month

AMENITIES:

Washer/dryer, kitchen appliances, televisions, fireplaces, etc.

UTILITIES:

Phone paid individually; gas, electric, & water paid collectively.

DEPOSITS:

Some require security deposit (at landlord's discretion).

RESTRICTIONS:

Varies with landlords; for fraternity-owned houses, restrictions are basically nil.

PARKING:

Some have garages and/or parking lots, otherwise parking is usually accessible on the street in front of or near the house.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Varies: some houses maintain weight rooms, basketball courts, barbecues, pool tables, foosball tables, etc.

CONTACT INFO:

Office of the Interfraternity Council, Merryman Hall (x4243). Also, see fraternity rush guidebook for individual fraternity house telephone numbers.

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

So the Orgo test lets out, and the gloomy masses tread woefully back toward their respective homesteads like an army that realized defeat. Some reside in the tripled closets of the AMRs, others have progressed to the kitchenette-adorned suites of Wolman and McCoy, but I return to a fraternity house.

Yes, a real house, reminiscent of the ones we remember from the fairy-tale land that epitomizes life before Hopkins. It lacks magnetically-guarded entryways and has no Hop Cops stationed in the lobby (or a lobby at all, for that matter).

Instead, the house boasts a living room, social room, fully-equipped kitchen, a fireplace and even a backyard to solidify that this domicile is anything but a dormitory.

Fraternities have been a part of the Hopkins campus for over 120, and throughout the duration of that time, the Greek community has provided refuge from the traditional Hopkins-owned housing. Nearly all fraternities are located within a few blocks of campus, the majority residing along St. Paul Street. The size of the respective houses

varies widely, some supporting as little as four, while others approach as many as 40 brothers living in one house.

Many fraternities accommodate tenants by providing various recreational amenities such as pool tables, basketball courts and weight rooms. Sharing the cost of such accessories makes them relatively affordable and available to everyone in the house. Brothers living in the house also tend to inherit furniture and other miscellaneous sundries from whom ever occupied their room previously, which isn't really a bad deal at all.

As for internet connection, one relinquishes the swiftness and convenience of the Ethernet direct-connection present in the dorms and instead must resort to old-fashioned, dial-up modems in a fraternity house — for the most part. Some houses, such as Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, have moved into the high-speed world of DSL connection.

The only prerequisite for obtaining a room in a fraternity house is that one belongs to the fraternity; otherwise, most fraternities actively encourage their members to live in the house for at least one year while attending

Hopkins. Alpha Delta Phi (Wawa) brother Kurt Vanderslice describes the atmosphere in the house as "a step beyond dorm life with more secure friendships and a greater degree of privacy and individuality."

Since few fraternities double-up rooms, the majority of "in-house" brothers enjoy singles, usually significantly larger than those of Wolman or McCoy. Also, most fraternities furnish their own laundry facilities eliminating the need to scrounge for quarters every couple of weeks. Some fraternities such as Phi Kappa Psi and Sigma Alpha Epsilon allegedly even offer their own meal plans with food either catered or prepared in the house by a qualified chef on a nightly basis, although this boast seems somewhat unlikely.

Moreover, fraternities foster a more relaxed atmosphere with few, if any, restrictions imposed upon brothers residing in the house.

Nearly all fraternities boast lower rent rates than those of the dorms, with an average price of about \$375 per month, and the fraternity houses remain available during holidays and breaks. Some students find that one of the great advantages of living in a fratern-

nity house is that it is always open to its tenants, alleviating the hassle of finding a place to stay during vacations when the dorms shut down.

Doubtless, fraternity houses harbor a social environment, especially considering that most fraternities host parties regularly. With this environment comes responsibilities and consequences. Living in a fraternity requires that one willingly submit his house to the irreverent whims of hundreds of inebriated party-goers and then be prepared to clean up after their destruction the following morning.

This can get to be a bit more of a problem than you think. Often the raucous climate of fraternity parties leaves neighbors less than thrilled, and prospective fraternity tenants should also understand that living in the house may mean dealing with belligerent neighbors and (on especially joyous occasions) the police who are called to disperse the disappointed guests. Generally, though, there aren't too many problems.

Certainly, living in a fraternity house has disadvantages, but for most it represents a unique and enjoyable alternative to traditional housing.

Home on the range...or North Calvert Street

By Phil Andrews

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

For those adventurous souls who can't stand common hall-

ways, call boxes and elevators, the rowhouse is the clear housing choice. Economy is also big factor, as most rowhouses run between \$200 and \$350 per bed-

room, usually much less than an apartment. Baltimore's famous dwellings also offer the freedom of living in a single building without neighbors above and below.

Many houses are available in the Charles Village area, including St. Paul, Calvert, Guilford and Abel streets, and the popular University Parkway blocks. Other surrounding neighborhoods can be investigated such as Oakenshaw and Hampden, but they require a further walk to campus.

The big advantage to living in a house, aside from price, is the feeling of independence that comes from living on your own with friends of your choosing. An apartment is an apartment, but a rowhouse can feel like a home. Space is also more plentiful — for living and for those essential parties.

You might even get a yard, as I luckily go to.

But rowhouses are often more difficult to find and some have persistent maintenance problems that lazy landlords just won't fix. In browsing, be alert for seemingly minor problems like drip-

ping faucets and peeling paint and for heating and infestation problems.

The unpredictability of landlords and the speed of maintenance is also a major concern. Don't be afraid to question the lease and look it over carefully. Another major concern is distance from campus, and phone and Internet service can be a hassle. A security system like ADT is recommended, since security is an issue.

To acquire a prime specimen of Baltimore architecture, you must be persistent. Now is the time to start looking, and use all the resources available to you. Check the *News-Letter*, *Gazette*, and *Sun* classifieds for listings, and browse the off-campus housing office's helpful online index.

Most importantly, talk to graduating seniors living in rowhouses for the inside scoop on the location and the landlord. Many owners will grant a discount for renters who have been recommended by previous tenants.

So for a taste of real life, with all its unpredictable difficulties and joys, check out the rowhouse scene. They're also a must for those looking for a place to call their own and to save a little cash on the way.

In all, I would never trade my homey old place for any overpriced pseudo-dorm apartment.

RENT SCALE:

Varies depending on where you live and how big your house is.

AMENITIES:

Whatever you bring with you.

UTILITIES:

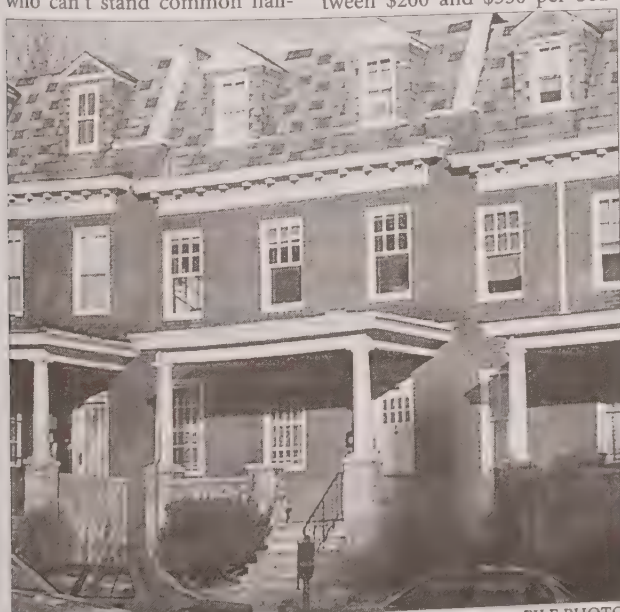
You'll usually pay all of them yourself.

RESTRICTIONS:

Usually none, but it may vary with each landlord.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES:

Whatever you bring with you.



FILE PHOTO

Rowhouses are a completely different ballgame from living in the dorms. Make sure it's a challenge that you're up for.

So you've got to move, but you don't know what to do

By Tom Gutting

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The dorms won't take you back. You've got a place of your own, but how can you move in? What do you take? There's so much more room in your apartment than in the dorms, but what do you? How much stuff is too much? What if you don't take enough?

Clearly, with more space at your disposal, you can bring more to your own apartment or house.

But that's not the most important thing you have to worry about. You should be more concerned about what you'll need to buy or mooch off of your parents.

Think about all the things that you got in the dorms that you didn't have to bring yourself: desk, chairs, bed, wardrobe.

Those are some pretty big items. Not to mention that once you move into your own place you have to worry about a whole new venue: the kitchen. You didn't have one of those in the dorms, did you? (And kitchen-

ettes in Wolman and McCoy don't count.)

It's a different ballgame once you have to cook for yourself all the time. The meal plan won't save you now. You have to bring pots, pans, dishes and utensils.

It's an amazing hassle. And there lingers a key question: how do you move it all?

If you're a real economizer, and you live reasonably close by, you can pack everything into your parents' or your own car. But most likely you're not going to be able to do that.

That means you're probably going to have to rent a moving truck, which is not a cheap proposition. But it's the rational thing to do.

Of course, if you're lucky, you'll be moving into a rowhouse. And, if you're even luckier, the tenants before you will let you store a bunch of stuff in their basement before you move in.

Still, it's likely that you won't have all the stuff you need, and you'll end up renting a truck anyway.

So what do you pack in it?

Be sure not to forget a bed,

desk, chairs and maybe something to put your clothes in.

Those are the most important things, and they'll take up the most space. Other than that, take the things that are the next-most-important: stereo, computer, books, bookshelf, anything that strikes your fancy.

Then think about all the things you couldn't have in your dorm room that you always wanted.

You can bring your own, prefabricated bar or a sofa or a coffee table.

The most important thing isn't whether or not you're going to have enough space. You probably will be able to bring everything from your room at home. It's just making sure that you haven't overlooked the details.

There were so many things that we took for granted in the dorms that we don't get in apartments and houses. Be aware: you'll need cleaning supplies, a vacuum, shovel (if you live in a house), brooms, mops and everything like that.

It's all part of being on your own, but it's worth it.

THESE PEOPLE CAN HELP YOU MOVE

MOVING HELP

Here are some places located relatively close to Hopkins where you can get all the essentials for a big move:

- **U-Haul (410-889-5556)**: The nearest one to campus is located 3926 Falls Rd. They're open seven days a week and provide trucks, trailers, hitches, padding, tape, boxes and anything else you will need to get moving. And after you've finished moving in, they'll even refill your gas grill's propane tanks.
- **Ryder (410-338-1616)**: North Howard Street is the closest you'll find Ryder. They're pretty much like U-Haul, except their trucks are yellow. And Timothy McVeigh used one to blow up a federal building. They will also give you a free moving guide and planning kit, as well as free route planning.
- **Budget (410-825-0454)**: While not as conveniently located — the nearest location is 900 York Road — Budget will give you a free mover's guide. And, like U-Haul, they can provide you with pads, tape, boxes, etc.
- **Penske Truck Rental (410-792-2705)**: If you can't find anything else, try one of the three Penske locations in Baltimore. The nearest location is 8900 Corridor Road, though, which is a little bit far. But they'll hook you up with emergency service, air conditioned trucks and moving accessories.
- **Mail Boxes, Etc. (410-783-1555)**: Too lazy to just move all the stuff yourself? Well, if you can find the energy to pack it all up, then you can take it to Mail Boxes, Etc. or some other place that will ship everything for you. But be prepared to pay for such convenience. You'll also need a friendly UPS man to carry it all up to your place. Some people think it's not worth the hassle since you end up having to do all the carrying anyway.

STORAGE

- **Baltimore Storage Company (410-235-5900)**: Located at 2600 North Charles Street will make it pretty easy to retrieve everything once you get back to Baltimore. You can't beat that.
- **Public Storage (410-323-9239)**: At 4343 York Road, you might be a little scared to put your stuff here. It's just a little bit west of Greenmount, and the neighborhood isn't all that great. But it is pretty close to Hopkins and relatively inexpensive.
- **Storage USA (410-828-1516)**: This place is right across from the Towson Town Center on Joppa Road, so it's not ideally located, which is really the most important thing when storing things. Storage USA has heated and air conditioned units available, as well as small or large rental spaces, which is pretty standard at all storage places.

GOTTA DEAL WITH A LANDLORD? HERE ARE SOME TIPS AND ETIQUETTE

So, now that you're out of that cozy world of the dorms, what are you going to do? You have that scary man known as a landlord who looks over you, not the warm and friendly face (if you're lucky) of an RA. But don't worry about it too much because, if you follow these imple guidelines, you will have a perfectly amicable relationship with your landlord.

GENERAL POLITENESS

- Always smile and say hello when your landlord comes by. Act like your happy to see him, even if he hasn't come and fixed your leaky faucet after two weeks.
- Make some conversation with your landlord. Landlords are people, too. They have families. Ask about them. It'll make you seem more human to your landlord and vice versa.
- Don't talk back to your landlord in an obnoxious manner. If you have questions or disagreements, just bring them up like a mature Hopkins student.
- Don't blatantly disrespect your landlord to his face.
- Try to clean up before your landlord makes an appearance. Then you might trick him into thinking that you're not that filthy when you really are. But that's okay.
- Depending on how cool your landlord is, don't leave a bunch of beer cans and bottles lying around your house or apartment.

REPAIRS

- Do call your landlord immediately about things that are of major concern, such as a leaking roof or a furnace or other heating system that doesn't work.
- Don't call your landlord for minor repairs. There are certain things that you need to take care of, such as burnt out light bulbs and taking out the trash. No landlord in the world will appreciate you if you call about burnt out light bulbs. You're on your own now, it's time to take some responsibility.
- If your landlord doesn't show up in a timely fashion to fix the problem, give him another call. Chances are, he might have just forgotten about it or just been really busy. It's in his best interests to keep the place up and running, otherwise he won't be able to keep getting tenants. If the problem persists, you can always withhold your next rent check until the problem is fixed, but be sure to tell your landlord why you're not paying up.
- Ask your landlord if you can take care of a simple, but larger, project yourself, such as indoor painting. Maybe the repair project you want undertaken isn't really necessary. Maybe you just don't like the color of your room and want to repaint it. See if your landlord will supply the materials and let you do a little repainting. Many landlords are quite receptive to such offers.

PROBLEMS

- What if my landlord bumps the rent in the middle of the lease? Simple: He can't do it. When you signed the lease, you also signed what the rent would be for the duration of that lease. Don't let him change it in the middle. A lease is a binding contract. When the lease is up, however, your landlord could bump up your rent if he wants to.
- My landlord comes into my house unannounced and pokes around and stuff. Is he allowed to do that? Landlords should knock before they enter your place. But if you don't answer the door, or you're not home, they can come inside since they're the owners of the property. If you think he's doing something wrong, then maybe you should install a hidden camera.
- I missed a payment on one month's rent, and my landlord kicked me out of my house. What can I do? Well, you should be sure read over your lease in excruciating detail before you sign it. There should be provisions for these sorts of situations in there. It depends on the landlord what he wants to do, but it still needs to be in the lease. The good thing about Baltimore City is that they have a standard renter's lease that is often used by landlords.
- After I moved out of my apartment, my landlord kept all \$700 of my security deposit. He said that there was a lot of damage to my kitchen and bedroom. There wasn't. I lived alone and rarely had people over. Is there any way I can get the money back? The truth is, security deposits are designed to screw you. It's a good way for landlords to get a little extra money out of you. The only real way you can contest what damage your landlord says he finds is by taking pictures of the entire house or apartment before you move in and just before you move out. But even then it might not make a difference. For the most part, you can kiss almost all of that security deposit goodbye.

ODDS AND ENDS

- Take an interest in your own apartment or house. If your landlord sees that you are invested in the place and committed to keeping it in good shape, he is much more likely to want to help you out from time to time.
- Above all, just don't be a dick. Enjoy living on your own. Work with your landlord.

Getting fat the 330 way

It's hard going out and living on your own. No, I'm not talking about the dorms. That's kid stuff compared to being forced to live off campus.

But that's the reality we all face going into junior year, unless you become an RA, but who would actually want to torture themselves like that?

The toughest part of living in your own apartment or house isn't upkeep or cleaning or even resisting the temptation of beer (since you don't have to sneak it past your RA). It's cooking.

While I wouldn't go back on a meal plan at any cost, there was always something nice about the convenience of Wolman and Terrace. I had almost forgotten that dishes actually needed to be washed and that food needed to be prepared.

Since moving into 330, our lovely rowhouse, my roommates and I have come to realize that cooking is a major pain in the ass.

We've bought hundreds of paper plates and plastic forks and knives to avoid doing dishes, but we haven't come across any disposable methods of cooking, other than TV dinners and ordering out, but that's too costly.

It was becoming a really serious problem because we basically stopped eating. What could we do without actually putting in some effort?

We found our savior over Intercession: a deep fryer.

The boys at 330 had been tempted for some time to purchase one, but we finally made the commitment last month. And it turned out to be the best \$15 we've ever spent.

Well, I have to admit, it turned



Tom Gutting From the Gutt

out to cost us a little more in terms of cash and lifespan.

The first thing we did was go to Sam's Club and buy everything in sight that might possibly fit into our deep fryer. Okay, we were actually pretty limited in what we wanted — some chicken wings, mozzarella sticks, jalapeño poppers and a few other things. But we bought over \$50 worth of that stuff. And oil. Lots and lots of oil.

When we came home, we fired that deep fryer up and started getting fat.

You would be surprised how easy it is to make great tasting fried foods. I guess that's why it's such a popular cooking method.

Within minutes, we were churning out restaurant quality food. That makes sense, I suppose, since restaurants make their fried foods with stuff they buy someplace.

But I have to admit, those mozzarella sticks were surprisingly tasty.

The problem was, though, that

it was all too easy. It takes the oil six or seven minutes to heat up. That's the hardest part because you never have to wait that long for anything to cook when you're deep frying.

Once the oil is hot and sizzling, plop the food in, wait three or four minutes, and there you go: hot, greasy, artery-clogging food. It doesn't get any better.

The great thing was that, just like Ron Popeil's Showtime Rotisserie Grill and Barbecue, we were really cutting the fat by deep frying.

Think about it. We would drop a basket of food into eight cups of oil. And, a few minutes later, when the food was cooked, almost all of that oil stayed in the deep fryer.

We didn't stop there. Everything that got cooked, we placed on paper plates or paper towels or something else absorbent. We were really cutting the fat.

But after two straight days of

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consuming almost nothing but fried foods, we realized something was wrong. Oil was disappearing from the deep fryer. Lots of oil. And not all of it was being soaked up by the paper towels and plates.

In two days, we had gone through almost a gallon of oil. Most of it was accounted for, but too much was missing.

The smart money said it had to be clogging our arteries. We realized that we had to cut down on the deep frying, or we were going to die.

It was hard, though. That deep fryer had become like a member of the 330 family. It was so dear to our hearts.

So now we save it for special occasions. Every time that we can convince ourselves that we actually are cutting the fat by deep fryer, we'll drop some chicken tenders or buffalo wings or mozzarella sticks.

And we hope none of us goes into cardiac arrest.

Grocery shopping doesn't have to be an inconvenience

Plenty of local stores supply food for the health-conscious and all the rest

THE JOHNS HOPKINS NEWS-LETTER

It is held by all good college students that institutional food is enjoyable to none but the most perversely masochistic. These same complaining students, however, gain an average of fifteen pounds each by the end of their first year. Happily, it doesn't take any kind of expert to explain this X-File-ish phenomenon. Ours is a society whose thirst for convenience outweighs its common sense. In other words, we'll eat whatever is most quickly put in front of us.

But what happens when nothing is slaughtered, bled, chopped, frozen, burnt and put on a tray for us to ingest? What befalls the student who has served his time in the school dormitories and must now fend for himself in a Darwinian world of eat-or-be-eaten? For most, slow and painful death.

For you fortunate few who actually read the housing insert, however, I offer this guide as alternative. Contrary to popular opinion, the most important tool of any student seeking self-sufficiency is not the microwave oven. Rather, what is most essential is a good sense of the foods one actually needs to function properly. In the opinion of most health gurus, getting a proper daily dose of fruits and vegetables aids in mental processes, not to mention helping banish those fifteen pounds that robbed your navel piercing of its sex appeal. Mind and body are interrelated — if you eat stupid, you'll think stupid (forget all the healthy idiots you know). For once, then, pay a visit to the food pyramid and offer a little obeisance to the gods of Recommended Daily Allowance.

Now that you've resolved to eat properly, head for your friendly neighborhood grocery store. The area surrounding Johns Hopkins has a variety from which to choose. **Eddie's Market** on St. Paul Street is the most tempting, because of its proximity, but it's often-inflated prices may act as a deterrent for those looking to save a buck.

An alternative is the **Giant supermarket** at the Rotunda, easily reached via the Hopkins shuttle. And feel free to take in a movie while your there — just remember to postpone buying the milk and ice cream until afterwards.

For the truly health-conscious,

a **Fresh Fields** supermarket lies only an eight-minute car drive away. Located off Falls Road, this marvelous shopping experience stocks anything from organic vegetables to fresh seafood to free-range chicken. In addition, there

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is a vast array of mineral and vitamin supplements to be used once your refrigerator is empty. Thus you can starve in as healthy a manner as possible.

Lastly, do not forget the **Waverly Farmers' Market**, open from 7 a.m. to noon every Saturday. Though its hours may not exactly suit the wild and crazy existence of student, this weekly open-air market, located by the intersection of 33rd Street and University Parkway, offers perhaps the only feeling of community you can find in the off-campus Hopkins area. In addition to the warm atmosphere, cheap vegetables, eggs and bread loaves of unusual size are readily found.

It's almost inevitable that your system will collapse at some point. The need for speed will doubtlessly take over at some point, and your microwave, portable burner, toaster and electric wok toys are bound to lose their appeal. When this happens, pizza places and various restaurants are waiting, as is Levering, which waits with forgiving mien for you to return. You are always free to go back if you must. Just remember, don't say you like it.



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Tom and company's best friend: the deep-fryer back at 330.

Life's little amenities: Hooking up outside the dorms

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Finding a place to live is only the beginning. Could you live without water, gas, electricity, telephone and television? Yes? Then don't read on. But for the rest of us, the process begins with installation and ends with a monthly bill.

The most important thing to keep in mind is that utility companies are monopolies. They know that you need them and consequently feel no obligation to be courteous or timely. Plan ahead. If you want your utilities ready upon arrival then call companies at least three weeks in advance to make arrangements.

The Telephone Option

Directory assistance.

You and everyone you live with have the option of being listed in the phone book. Bell Atlantic offers one free listing per phone line and additional listings cost \$1.05 a month. Baltimore phone books and the Hopkins student directory are printed every November with information gathered in October. If you are planning to receive

phone calls, you will need to submit your phone number in time.

Basically, the main telephone company people choose is Bell Atlantic. To arrange for service, call (410) 954-6260. Basic installation costs \$48.

Multiple lines.

Decision-making doesn't end with installation. For Internet junkies or the proverbial phone hog, another line might be useful. One benefit of multiple lines is call hunting. In this process, when one phone line is busy, calls are automatically bounced to a second line.

Unlimited vs. measured telephone service.

Next, you will have to decide between unlimited or measured phone service.

Unlimited service is \$20.01 per month per line, while measured service is \$13.02. Unlimited service, as the name implies, allows you to make as many calls as you want in a given month.

Measured service offers 65 free calls on a monthly basis, after which each call results in a charge of 8.5 cents. Therefore, if you place



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Better make sure you hooked up your phone service, or you won't be able to hand out your digits.

fewer than 147 local calls a month, or about five a day, measured service is cheaper. Remember that you can use different services for different lines.

Voice mail vs. machine.

You should consider choosing between voice mail and an answering machine. An average

answering machine costs around forty dollars. In the long run, a voice mailbox at about seven dollars a month would end up being more expensive than buying a machine. However, the voice mail offers higher quality sound and is probably more reliable. Standard mailboxes offer thirty minutes of messages. Additional mailboxes are also available for an additional fee.

Caller ID.

Caller ID can be used not only to screen calls, but to see who called and didn't leave a message. It is important to keep in mind that the name only identifies who pays the telephone bill and not who placed the call. This service costs \$6.50 for number identification only. A deluxe option provides names as well as numbers for \$7.50. The unit that displays the information costs about thirty dollars. However, many new telephones, specifically cordless ones, offer in-board caller ID.

Long distance.

Long distance plans, rates, and bonuses are constantly changing. Basically, if you pay more than twelve cents a minute for domestic long distance, you're probably paying too much. In addition, mixing and matching different companies across the different lines is often helpful.

Gas and Electric

If these services are not included in your lease, you will need to arrange them on your own. Baltimore Gas and Electric offers both services to their customers. Much like the phone company, BG&E may request a security deposit on a

yearly basis if you have insufficient or a poor credit history. However, BG&E only answers the phone during their business hours so it is necessary to plan ahead. For service or installation, call (410) 685-0123. It is difficult to estimate exactly how much you will pay for electricity and gas. However, it usually shouldn't cost more than ninety dollars per month and often averages to about thirty to seventy dollars per person each month.

Television

The 18-inch satellite television system will give you a clear picture, excellent sound, and a wide selection of channels. In contrast, T.C.I. Communications of Baltimore often offers a lower quality product and is more expensive. However, in order for the satellite's reception to work, you need southwest exposure. The main companies in Direct Broadcast Satellite are Dish Network (1-800-799-7175), Prime Star (1-800-PRIME-ST), and the combined force of DirecTV (1-800-DIREC-TV) and USSB (1-800-BETTER-TV). Dish Network offers the best prices, but requires that you purchase their satellite dish for \$200. The company sells the dish on-line at <http://www.echo-star.com>. Prime Star costs a little more per month (about \$30), but does not require that you buy the dish. DirecTV and USSB cater to television addicts. They offer such amenities as five HBOs, several music channels, and about one hundred pay-per-view channels. However, this service tends to be expensive. DirecTV also requires you to purchase their satellite dish, which can be found at any Radio Shack.

With just one click...

...you can be cruising the Internet as fast as Ethernet

By Chris Langbein

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So you're going to be living off-campus and you know you're going to miss downloading movie trailers in thirty seconds, having web links respond instantly, or blowing opponents' heads off with better pings than everyone else. Don't go buy that modem just yet—while losing the convenience of the dorm's ethernet service might seem like a huge drawback, recent advances in high-speed residential data connections will allow you to receive ethernet-like service over your phone line at fairly reasonable prices.

This past summer, Bell Atlantic wired parts of the Baltimore area with DSL (Digital Subscriber Line) capability. DSL is a form of data transmission that works on top of your existing phone line, so you won't have to have another one installed (as you would with ISDN, for example). There won't be any dialing in or waiting on busy signals—you're connected all the time with a static IP. You can even use the same ethernet

card you've been using in the dorms for the past two years. You will have to buy a special modem, which runs about \$100.00, but you can usually find a promotion that will either give you free installation or a free modem.

Unfortunately, no matter how fast your connection is, you will still be outside the campus network. You still won't be able to access any library catalogues, databases, or other intranet services.

Cable modem service would usually be a high speed internet opportunity, but TCI (really AT&T) has yet to set up the service they have been promising for quite some time now. But keep your eyes out; TCI has been making a lot of improvements, so cable modem service can't be far behind. Though not as consistent or as fast as most DSL service, cable modems could very well become a reasonable alternative some time in the near future.

While all the physical cables and lines in the area are Bell Atlantic's, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 has made it possible for other services to use those lines to offer their own

services. As a result, a variety of firms have set up shop, though they might not be easy to find.

Be warned: Bell Atlantic was developed to be a telephone company, not an ISP, it shouldn't be surprising that their DSL service sucks. It is inconsistent, oversubscribed, and the customer service is embarrassing. Just to connect to JHUnix two blocks away, for example, Bell Atlantic will send your connection through 30 or so shoddy-at-best hops from New York to D.C. Avoiding Bell Atlantic is recommended if at all possible, though their prices are generally better than those of their competitors.

Performing some brief online research on DSL services will yield a variety of residential providers. Acceptable monthly service charges for individuals max out at about \$60. For more bandwidth to, say, share among housemates, you might pay up to \$100/mo. For more pricing information, check out <http://www.2wire.com>. They have a DSL lookup service which will give you a chart of all the local providers, their services, pricing, and contact information.

Doing the off-campus safety dance

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Many of us took the campus tour before we came to Hopkins as an opportunity to get a "feel" for the campus and of course, check out the quality of the opposite sex. Well, that's what you were doing. While busy "scouting," your parents were asking important questions pertaining to the safety of the campus and whether or not they should expect you to return home alive at Thanksgiving break. After being assured for the 15th time that the campus really is safe and that there would be no need for mace or "Handgun Use 101," the tour continued. If they're still nagging you about taking care of yourself ("You can never be too careful!") send this article home and silence them forever — you are in the good hands of Hopkins's security department.

Needless to say, a city campus such as Homewood with 140 acres and 3,400 undergraduate students requires serious security, and Hopkins Security definitely has some impressive features to serve and protect us. You'd be surprised how much goes on behind the scenes. For most of us, fortunately, the only face of Security Services we see is crime prevention — the Hop Cops walking the beat around campus, zipping around in their nifty Geo Trackers and, of course, parking on the Beach and various other prominent locations with headlights on.

But when we do need further protection and assistance, we can rest assured knowing that the security department has got it all covered. Some services are familiar, like escort vans and 24-hour walking escorts, but what the department has been trying to do is promote other services of which few students are aware. In particular, Security Director Ronald Mullen points out, students need to know that when they choose to live in off-campus housing, Hopkins Security can still be of great help.

When looking for off-campus housing, Mullen suggested asking the landlord about the crime history of the building or residential area, as well as checking the security of the locks, windows and doors. A valuable feature, though probably more expensive, would be to live where an officer or attendee is at the front desk around the clock. Particularly if you are looking at a row house, a visit to the site at night would be useful so you can see whether the street lighting in that area is any cause for concern.

But wait, there's more! Just

pick up a campus phone and dial x4600 and ask an officer to go with you. There are several investigators specially trained in residential security who, at no cost, can accompany you to your prospective home to assess its safety and ask the landlord all the right questions for you. If you drop by the Security office in Shriver 14, they can even recommend apartment complexes and show you all sorts of maps of residential areas. "When kids move off campus, they must realize that their safety now rests with them. There won't be anyone there to check locks and doors. There won't be anyone to challenge people who want to cause harm. But when they do realize, 'Hey, it's my responsibility,' we are always here to help them will all of that. That's what we're here for," said Mullen.

For those of us living in the dormitories or University-owned housing, Hopkins Security is dedicated to our protection. The backbone of the Homewood campus crime prevention policy involves the 24-hour patrol of campus, dusk to dawn patrol of dormitories during the week, security presence around The Charles, Bradford and Homewood from 3 p.m. to 7 a.m. and officers stationed in the entrances to Wolman and McCoy Halls.

In addition to security guards and patrol cars is an extensive behind-the-scenes staff providing many services. These services compliment more visible crime prevention measures and include Investigative Services, which deals with harassment and theft, campus crime reports and weekly incident reports. The security department also operates the campus police office dispatch and monitors emergency telephone calls.

Working together with the Office of Student Affairs, various student associations, Deans and the Baltimore Police Department, the security department strives to give us an environment in which we can live and work without needing to worry about our personal safety.

It is difficult to grasp the true depth of Hopkins Security, but a good place to start is the website at <http://www.jhu.edu/~security>. Among other things, you can read the extremely detailed daily reports — Dec. 2, 11:30 p.m.: Undergraduate car backed up into a low chain fence. Three poles bent.

So, we have Geo Trackers, and we've got foot patrols. You might be wondering when will we have

Pacific Blue Hop Cops whizzing around on bicycles. I would have said, "The same day we have *Baywatch* lifeguards at the pool, but then came Officer Stanke."

Coming out of Remsen just the other day, I was in awe at the sight of a Hop Cop decked out in a slick white helmet, Hopkins Security jacket, and macho black shades, leaning on his shiny black campus police bike. His name is Officer Matthew Stanke. He is the only officer who patrols on bicycle. "The only problem is (that) it drains away my energy riding. But, I can replenish myself with doughnuts... I mean bagels."

All jokes and junk food aside, the men and women of Hopkins

Security are an integral part of our lives here and deserve respect for the work they do. As you trek back from the Hut to your building at 4 a.m., don't forget that your sense of safety isn't there by accident. It has been created by a dedicated force responsive to our individual needs.

Nevertheless, it is important to bear in mind that our personal safety still rests primarily in our own hands. As Security Director Mullen said, while campus officers and Northern District Police work cooperatively toward ensuring our safety, each of us must play a major role in our own personal well-being and the security of our possessions.

SECURITY:

Emergency: Your arm fell off — x7777

Non-emergency: "Um, hi, I left my backpack in Olin." — x4600

ESCORTS:

Both walking escorts and escort vans can make sure you get home safely. But watch out: those people hate their jobs. — x8700

BCPD:

Emergency: Your arm fell off and the HopCops are busy changing an AMR lock — 911

Non-emergency: "Um, hi, I left my backpack at Port Discovery." — 311

Information line: In case you want to know when the annual department bake sale happens — (410) 396-2525

Baby you can park my car

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Parking at Hopkins can be quite a nightmare, but there are a few helpful sources within the university. In general, the best advice is to simply not bring a car to campus. But if you love White Marsh, simply can't do without instant transportation to the Inner Harbor or want that desirable internship at NIH or Hopkins Bayview, a car may seem like a necessity.

Parking on the street may not be the safest option, but it remains the primary choice for juniors and seniors. Most streets near the campus require you to move your car every

two hours, unless you have an area permit. Area permits are available from the city of Baltimore, and allow you to park indefinitely within a certain set of blocks. Typically, they will require proof of residency, but assuming you can produce a lease, an area permit is a very affordable option, typically less than \$15. But even an area permit does not guarantee parking. Take, for example, the area around the Homewood Apartments and Wyman Towers. Given the large number of students in the area, parking is often scarce late at night.

Sophomores and those in university-owned apartments also may sign

up on waiting lists for parking in the Homewood Garage, a university-run parking area. According to the Wolman Housing Office, the wait for a spot is nearly two years. If you live in Wolman or McCoy, the price is roughly \$48 per month, while in university-owned apartments, this rises to \$61 per month.

Additionally, regardless of your residence location, other parking garages are available in the Homewood area, and they often have short waiting lists, or none at all. A parking garage at 33rd and St. Paul, for instance, costs \$60 per month. (Call 410-581-1820 for more information.)

Finally, if you are a freshman, perhaps the best thing to do is take that car back home. In past years, some students have managed to park their cars in the U-Lot by Bloomberg. U-Lot is a restricted parking lot, to which students are not supposed to have access. The gates are in effect from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on weekdays, but at night, you're free to use the parking lot. The university officially does not allow students to park there. Students who have done so in the past, however, claim that if you park a car there and take it out at night, you are free to use the lot. So aside from the long walk to your car, you also do not have access to your car during that day.

If you're considering having a car at Hopkins, make sure you get a Club or other safety device, as well. A few cases of car theft in the Homewood area were reported to Hopkins security last year. Prevention, the security department assures us, is the best medicine.



FILE PHOTO

Chances are you will never see an on-campus lot this empty.

The five commandments of home upkeep

A crash course in do-it-yourself home repair — this is Bob Vila's dream come true

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So you finally found that beautiful huge apartment that you have been dreaming about ever since your first days in AMR I. You have a couch, a TV, a stove, even a dishwasher (if you're lucky!) But wait, don't be too saucy. This is Baltimore. The rent is cheap for a reason. That "vintage" white tub in the bathroom only spurts out cold water and the sink clogs every time you run the tap. Welcome to the wonderful world of maintenance and repair! Don't panic, the experienced upper-classmen can take care of almost any disaster with only a few necessary tools and skills.

Lesson 1: The Tools

Minor repairs can be patched up with any normal toolbox and a little creativity. For loose door-

knobs or wobbly chair legs, don't be afraid to break out the screwdriver. Any toolmaster will tell you that a good toolbox should contain a hammer, at least three different size nails, a flat head and a Philips head screwdrivers, screws, a wrench and pliers. She'll also tell you that not every job is accomplished so simply as screwing a knob on a drawer.

Imagine this scenario: Your drunken kung-fu fighting best friend has just hacked all of your book shelves in half. Two simple words answer this problem: duct tape. For patching things up, duct tape works. My roommate even makes wallets out of the stuff. I might add that she hung her mosquito netting over her bed with nails and some white duct tape. Use it to tape cardboard to a broken window. It even comes in fancy designer colors.

Lesson 2: Bathroom Bloopers

For bathroom and kitchen problems, even I will admit that sometimes duct tape is not enough. Sometimes a plunger works much more effectively. You might even find that when the sink is clogged, so is the tub and turning either on simply fills the other one up through the drain. In this scenario I suggest the "dueling plunger" technique. Grab a friend and try it — it really relieves the stress.

Lesson 3: Electricity and water don't mix

You might have noticed that I have not mentioned how to repair your electrical items. There is a reason for that. I wanted to make sure that I weeded out the

truly negligent people who didn't even take the time to read this far into the article. So for you more inquisitive future butt-crack bearing, beer-gut bulging students, I'll give you the goods on technical repair.

Turn off the electricity going to whatever it is you are repairing. If this means unplugging something like, say, the toaster, do it now before you stick the fork in it. Be gentle. Wires and computer chips are encased in hard plastic boxes for a reason.

Lesson 4: Putting it back together

Remember how everything is put together before you take it apart. This goes for anything you attempt to repair. This especially goes for all of the wires connecting the TV to the VCR to the cable box to the Super Nintendo. Speaking of the TV, don't stick a hanger into the antenna hole unless you are sure that you are actually sticking the hanger in the right hole. (This should not be a

problem for those people who unplugged the TV, but then you wouldn't be able to see if the reception has improved now would you. Man, things are complicated in the real world.)

Lesson 5: The phone is a powerful tool

The final and most important tools are a phone and your landlord's phone number.

Be sure to read the lease for your repair privileges. Make sure the landlord covers things like burst pipes, broken fridges, etc. You might think that I am coping out here, but some things are just too hardcore even for the most adept amateur. For example, in late September, I came home to see that my entire bathroom ceiling had fallen to the floor.

The only things separating me from my sketchy upstairs neighbor were very thin floorboards and some putty. Needless to say, the toolbox stayed in the closet, but the phone came in very handy.

You can't just sit on the floor

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If you have the time and the transportation to shop around, you can buy, bargain and search the attic for all the furniture you need to fill your new apartment and still have enough money to pay your first cable bill.

The super cheap

If you live within driving distance of Baltimore, and especially if you drive a Suburban, take all you can from home. Or rent a U-Haul, which can cost as much as \$200 for a far trip, but may be less than the cost of new furniture. Ask your family and their friends for donations. I almost got a microwave oven out of my grandparents.

Goodwill is your friend

Check the Yellow Pages for the dozens of second-hand stores in Baltimore where you can find a dining room table for \$35 or a black-and-white TV for \$10. When shopping, focus on the durability of a piece of furniture (sturdy drawers, even table legs) and have fun painting over the lime green later. Inspect upholstered items with extra care: It is difficult to cover up stains or hide the stench of mildew.

Close-by, on 36th Street in Hampden, there are a number of second-hand furniture stores and

quirky antique shops to explore. David's Consignments on 36th Street (410-467-8159) is a row house stacked with tables, chairs, and medicine cabinets, much of which are in the retro 50's style. More inexpensive furnishings can be found at Kobernick's (835 36th Street) and the Salvation Army store (905 36th Street) nearby. Value Village (5011 York Road) has a large selection of couches and armchairs and a few dining room tables, beds and mattresses.

Classifieds

If buying second-hand seems sketchy, you might be more comfortable meeting the former owner — that way you have an idea of the kind of person who last sat on the couch or slept on the bed. Start close to home by perusing the classified sections of the *News-Letter* and the *Gazette*. Buying from your peers and professors ensures that you won't have to go too far to check out the goods or to transport the items. And you're likely to get deals from sympathetic graduates who were once in your shoes. The catch here is that most items are for sale in April, May and June so you may have to find storage until you move in to your new home.

Another option is checking the classifieds in the *CityPaper* and the *Sun*. Compared to the selection of old furniture of other students, you may find a much

greater variety here. I bought a gas grill for \$40 in the *CityPaper* and saw (but did not buy) a pool table for \$45 and a water bed for \$100. You may have to travel a distance to find these rare items so always call ahead, bargain when you get there, and don't feel obligated to buy anything.

The super-posh

If you are going to buy anything new, make it a bed and a mattress. You never know what has happened in a stranger's bed, and old mattresses are often home to bedbugs and warped springs.

For new furniture, I can only recommend Ikea (410-931-5400), located off I-695 near White Marsh. It's a gigantic warehouse holding every home furnishing you could possibly want. IKEA furniture is very stylish and inexpensive compared to a store such as Ethan Allen. But for a college student it is not cheap. The least expensive full-size bed is \$149 for the frame and \$149 for the mattress.

When shopping at IKEA, make a beeline for the "As-Is" department where the prices for pieces with small nicks or scratches are greatly reduced. IKEA's delivery charge is \$42 to the Hopkins campus, and all IKEA furniture comes unassembled, with somewhat cryptic instructions.

Live pretty in the dorms — really!

BY CHRISTINA MORENO

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Don't laugh.

No, you probably aren't paying for it. No, you probably won't be spending more than a year in it. But, yes, even if it is for an admittedly short period of time, that dormitory hovel is the closest thing you've got to a "room of your own." Now, how can you actually make it your own?

• First, decide your priorities. Are you the perfect party host, the ideal student or just laid-back? For instance, during my sophomore year, I wanted my McCoy single to be guest-friendly. So I had Housing loft my bed, and I brought a second, inflatable mattress into the room. I kept the real mattress on top (the "mezzanine"), and I slipped the air-filled one beneath it (on the "ground level"). I set my TV and VCR on the opposite side of the room, and I had an instant theater.

• Got tools? Remember: As long as you put the furniture back together at the end of the year, there's nothing wrong with, say, momentarily taking your desk

shelves apart from their main unit and creating a night table

• String lights. Use them.
• Cheap drawer liners on the wall. Yes, I know — we're all pretty bummed that you can't have scented candles or incense in the dorms. But if you paper your room in all the right places with these cheap liners, it will always smell decent. In other words, it will smell like a lingerie department.

• Posters. Nothing says "you" like a collection of your favorite movie or sports memorabilia.

• Do you work up until the very last second before you go to sleep? Consider shimmying your wardrobe against your lofted bed and placing your computer on top of it. That way, when your eyes finally tire, all you have to do is fall backwards onto the mattress.

• Are you forced to sleep on the bottom of a lofted bed, yet your roommates give you no privacy? Attach scarves along the perimeter, hanging down like a canopy.

• For the love of your god, keep your room clean. I don't care if you're a "messy kind of person" or if "it's your thing." Why? Because the mice don't, either.

The Hatfields and the McCoys redux

By Chris Langbein and Tom Gutting

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Neighbors are the people who lend you sugar when you're out. They give you your mail when it's delivered to the wrong house. They take your papers in when you go out of town for a weekend. When they have a keg, they lend you a pitcher.

But neighbors are also the people who call the cops on you. The guys who catcall your female visitors.

The assholes who never shovel the sidewalk in front of their

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house. The people who leave their trash in your front yard.

The wretched sons of bitches who let their dog shit on your lawn.

Case in point: We boys at 330 East University have a house full of seven or so CONDOM (College of Notre Dame of Maryland) girls immediately to our east who cause nothing but trouble.

Disregarding for the time being their utter lack of neighborly politeness, they have a whole host of other abrasive living traits that make them relentlessly irritating.

Strange noises penetrate the walls into our house, odd porch activity has led to more than one unpleasant altercation and ludicrously hilarious morning-after incidents are a constant source of entertainment and frustration.

The constant flow of Jersey slang directed from their porch

to ours makes interaction look like an anthropology study, eventually deteriorating into an atavistic unspoken war of burnt hot dog tossing from one side to the other, broken glass and urination on each others' porches.

We're not kidding around here; this is everyday material. But every once and a while, they decide to throw a party.

But since they live so far from their own campus, they can't recruit their own friends to make the long haul South to East University.

As a result, they have developed a following of local high-schoolers who are so laughable that we just can't help making fun of them to their faces.

Granted, that may seem a bit confrontational on our part, but not when considering that they invited us to one of their parties next door and tried to charge us a \$5 cover.

We were tempted to take our \$5 and buy some paper bags to shit in and leave on their porch the next morning.

We figure, if we pool all of the cover charges we've saved by not showing up next door for their events, we could buy a giant banner saying WE LIVE NEXT TO STUPID and hang it out front for the rest of the semester.

At certain times, they have forced us to consider our legal rights concerning the shooting of their pet mutt Oz (short for Ozzie).

Of course, you're probably saying now that we're not giving the girls a chance. Not true.

On more than one occasion, we've invited them over — even the ugly ones — when we were having a little get together.

And we didn't even make them pay a cover charge.

But the only time they ever accepted our invitation, they came over, looked unhappy and took their beers with them.

So how do we resolve the situation? Are we just screwed because we have bad neighbors? Do we have to be constantly worried that they're going to do mean things to us?

Well, not all the time. After all, there was that time they let Oz poop on our third-floor porch. Ridiculous.

But you tolerate it. You just have to be the more mature party. Anything short of that would just turn ugly, especially for them.

So even if you have the worst neighbors in the world, you don't have to deal with it. Just be semi-respectful when you see them and be a bigger person.

And never let your dog shit near their house.



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At 330-332 East University Parkway, there is a constant battle for block supremacy or cover charges.

My dog ate my pets article

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First things first. Once you've got the off-campus apartment or rowhouse, you may realize that you're ready to complete the picture of domestic bliss with a furry companion curled up in front of your fireplace. (Or curled up in front of your microwave, if a fireplace isn't available.) But not only do you have to procure a pet, you have to make sure you are prepared to take care of that animal. Abandoned or neglected pets may result from poor planning on your part. If you're ready, though, you will be able to provide a healthy home for your preferred dog or cat. Or bird. Or ... ferret? Hermit crab? It's up to you. Follow these steps to avoid some of the common pet pitfalls.

1. Housing requirements

You already know that the dorms do not allow pets. Many off-campus apartment buildings follow the same rule. Others simply specify no dogs, no animals over 20 pounds, etc. This may limit your housing choices, so know ahead of time whether you are willing to sacrifice the spacious, reasonably priced apartment with the skylight and roof for your precious pooch. Check with the leasing agent about the pet policy before you make final plans to move in anywhere. Make sure your roommate doesn't have a no pets policy of his or her own.

2. Adopting a pet

Where can you get one of these furry or feathery companions without spending a fortune? The

want-ads are a useful first step. Not only are pets for sale, but some generous souls even offer their loved animals to good homes for free. Animal shelters are another possible source; and adopting an abandoned animal is a worthy endeavor.

3. Caring for your pet's health

Once you've got Fido the hermit crab home, you have to make sure he stays healthy. Check out a few veterinarians and animal hospitals for quality and price before deciding on one. When you find a place where you feel comfortable about bringing your pet for medical care, you should take him in for regular check-ups. Listen closely to what the vet advises, and be conscientious about giving your dog any medicine the vet may prescribe.

4. Grooming

If you have a long-haired dog, you may have to find a local dog groomer to keep the tresses of your canine companion under control. Remember, roommates are less likely to tolerate the presence of a smelly mass of matted fur than a clean, trimmed pet. It'll make your dog happy, too. Some animal hospitals also offer this service.

5. Obedience school

Some pets are particularly unruly; others belong to owners who want to make sure they have definite control over their dogs. These cases generally end up at obedience school, where professionals will teach your dog everything from heeling to cool frisbee tricks.

(At least, this is what I've heard. My own dog, a good-natured but not overtly intelligent fellow, was left back, and had to take his introductory obedience class again. We decided to forego the advanced frisbee stuff.)

6. Traveling

So, you have an unexpected long weekend and you decide to zip home for a quick break. What about Spot, your canary? You will have to make arrangements either to bring your pet home or to have someone care for him here. If you have a car, then it probably is relatively easy to bring your animal home. If not, you will have to alter your plans. Planes usually offer the option of a pet compartment, although trains do not. Another option is to board your animals at a kennel. Be very careful in choosing a kennel, as the people who run it will be entirely responsible for your pet's care while you are gone. If possible, talk to other customers before making a reservation. Is there enough space in the runs? How often are the dogs taken out each day? Are there problems with fleas? Is the price less than exorbitant?

Living with a pet presents certain extra responsibilities, but most people find it very rewarding. So now that you're out on your own, you can finally think about getting that long-awaited dog or cat. And for those of you still living in the dorms, there's always that trustiest of companions, the pet rock.

